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JAPANESE WHEAT AND FLOUR SITUATION

The Japanese wheat crop is officially estimated at 33 million bushels compared with a crop of 31 million bushels last year, according to a cable to the Foreign Service of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics from Agricultural Commissioner P. O. Nyhus. The quality is extremely poor, however, and a higher percentage of foreign wheat than usual will be required for blending purposes to make standard grade flour.

Mills are now buying up the native crop and will not be active buyers of Canadian and American wheat for another month or two. The price of native wheat at mills is equivalent to \$1.43 a bushel, while the comparable price of United States Western No. 2 is \$1.71 a bushel and for Canadian No. 5 is \$1.47 a bushel. United States and Canadian together with Australian wheats make up the bulk of the Japanese imports. The exportable surplus of Australian wheat is reported to be very small and the price is higher than on the wheat quoted above.

Stocks of foreign wheat are slightly below normal for this date. Mills are awaiting foreign price developments but predictions are made that there will be heavy purchases of low grades of Canadian wheat and lighter purchases of the higher priced, but indispensable, white wheat from the United States and Australia.

Flour prices are low, in keeping with low rice prices. Wholesale prices on July 27 for immediate delivery were \$1.63 per bag of 49 pounds. The domestic outlet for flour is good but export business both for immediate and future delivery is poor. An agreement to restrict production among the leading milling companies was terminated on June 1, but current operation of about 65 per cent of capacity is about the same as under the agreement.

FOREIGN BUTTER PRICES REMAIN FIRM

The Copenhagen official butter quotation on August 2 was unchanged from the preceding Thursday at the equivalent of 37.1 cents per pound, according to the weekly cable from the American Agricultural Commissioner at London, Mr. E. A. Foley. London quotations were practically unchanged. In New York 92 score butter on August 2 was slightly higher than a week earlier at 45-1/4 cents. The margin in flavor of New York over Copenhagen continues at about the 8-cent level of recent months. See detailed price statement on page 245.

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Wheat production in 1928

The 1928 wheat production as reported for 17 countries is 2,128,607,000 bushels against 2,248,197,000 bushels in 1927 when these countries produced nearly 65 per cent of the estimated world production exclusive of Russia and China. These totals are the same as reported last week, as no new estimates or revisions have been received during the week. The total acreage reported for 24 countries remains as published last week, i.e., 179,053,000 acres against 177,802,000 acres in 1927. See tables pages 239 and 240.

Foreign crop conditionsCanada

The outlook for the 1928 wheat crop in the three prairie provinces of Canada at the present time is very promising and barring damage from frost and severe heat, western Canada should produce an above average crop, according to a telegram to the Foreign Service of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics from Consul General Heintzleman at Winnipeg, Canada. The Consul General quotes unofficial sources which he believes to be reliable and accurate.

Present prospects promise a very large crop in Alberta as conditions are excellent throughout the province excepting Peace River country which suffered from drought. Conditions in Saskatchewan are not quite so promising as in Alberta. Many fields are patchy as a result of the uneven germination caused by the abnormally dry weather in May. A large proportion of the crop there is very weedy and there was unusually heavy hail damage during the past week which one report estimates covered one million acres or one-fourteenth of the wheat acreage of the province. Given average weather, however, from now until the end of the season Saskatchewan will produce a heavy crop. Conditions in Manitoba are much better than at this time last year. There has been considerable damage from floods in the Portage Plains, and Red River Valley but the area affected, while large, is not sufficient to prevent a much larger crop than last year.

There is very little likelihood of any serious damage from rust in either Manitoba or Saskatchewan as crops are fully one week earlier than last year and stem rust appeared two weeks later than last year. The rust spores in the air are very rare compared to last year and only isolated infections have appeared so far in Manitoba and only a few pustules have been discovered in Saskatchewan. The source which Consul General Heintzleman quotes considers as ridiculous the report which is being circulated that Canada will produce a crop of 650,000,000 bushels and also the report of a below average crop as equally ridiculous.

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During the week ended July 31 the temperature in Alberta averaged 2° above normal in the north and 5° above in the south, according to reports to the United States Weather Bureau. The temperature was mostly normal in Saskatchewan except in the southeast where it averaged 3° below. In Manitoba it averaged 5° below. Showers were reported on three days in most districts.

Europe

Weather for the week ended August 2 was mostly clear and hot in Central European countries and the Balkans, but cooler with local rain in northern and northwestern Europe, according to a cable from Acting Agricultural Commissioner L. V. Steere at Berlin. He states that the wheat outlook continues favorable, but that potato conditions are less favorable than last year. The Yugoslav press is estimating their wheat crop at 110 million bushels but other indications lead Mr. Steere to believe that this estimate is probably too high. He states that a 90 million bushel crop may be nearer the correct figure. He also states that the estimate previously published of 235 million bushels for the Italian wheat crop put out by the Italian Economic Minister may be too high and that 225 to 230 million bushels may be nearer the actual output. Early samples of French, Hungarian and Yugoslav new wheat are reported as showing good quality.

! In Russia, a preliminary estimate by the Council of Peoples' Commissars places the 1928 grain crop in the R. S. F. S. R. at 17 per cent above last year and combined wheat and rye production at 13.8 per cent according to a cable from Mr. Steere. In 1925 and 1926 the R. S. F. S. R. produced approximately 70 per cent of both the total grain crops and the total wheat and rye crops of Russia. The R. S. F. S. R. does not include Ukraine which is a large grain producing region and important from the standpoint of the export trade. The official report of crop conditions as of July 1 in the Ukraine were generally below those for R. S. F. S. R. A preliminary official report based on grain samples from Crimea, parts of North Caucasus, and the Ukraine indicates that this year's crop is of good quality and better than last year. The supply of industrial goods in North Caucasus, particularly in the middle Volga, is unsatisfactory, which is unfavorable to the collection of the grain crop since the farmers are averse to parting with their grain unless they can exchange it for industrial goods on a satisfactory basis.

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In Russia the weather during the week ended August 2 was mostly clear and warm but with some rain in northwestern Russia. The weather during the second ten days of July in northwestern and central Russia was warm, which favored crop development, particularly the spring crops. In parts of the central industrial and central fertile regions, conditions are less favorable, particularly to the winter cereals. Reports indicate a probable further improvement in conditions over the officially reported July 1 indications with deterioration in some places more than offset by improvement elsewhere.

Southern Hemisphere

The cool weather accompanied by nearly normal precipitation of the past two weeks should have favored the wheat crop in Argentina. During the week ended July 30 the mean temperature in the northern districts was 46° or 5° below normal and in the southern district 43° or 4° below normal, according to reports to the United States Weather Bureau. The total precipitation in the North was 0.2 inch, or 0.1 inch below normal, and in the South 0.3 inch, or 0.1 inch above normal. In Australia the weather was mild with favorable light to moderate showers. Heavy rains were reported along parts of the New South Wales coast.

Movement to marketUnited States

Exports of wheat including flour from July 1 to July 28 were 5,549,000 bushels against 10,652,000 bushels for the same period last year, the difference being partly accounted for by the fact that the winter wheat was harvested somewhat earlier last year than this. Exports during the week ended July 28 were 2,502,000 bushels, being the largest of the season, beginning July 1.

Canada

Stocks of wheat in the Western Grain Division of Canada decreased 6,667,000 bushels during the week ended July 27, and on that date were 41,710,000 bushels against 29,247,000 bushels on July 29, 1927. At the end of June stocks were 41,930,000 greater than at the same time last year but have increased during July and on the 27th were only 12,463,000 bushels greater than last year. Stocks at Fort William-Port Arthur on July 27 were 27,991,000 bushels against 22,497,000 bushels a year ago.

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Receipts at Fort William-Port Arthur during the week were 3,859,000 bushels. Total receipts for the season to July 29, are 259,009,000 bushels against 252,735,000 bushels during the same period last year. The Canadian season ends July 31. Shipments during the week were 8,246,000 bushels. Total shipments for the season are 253,101,000 bushels against 241,343,000 bushels last year. Receipts at Vancouver, including Prince Rupert, were 719,000 bushels during the week. Total receipts during the season are 93,062,000 bushels against 43,540,000 bushels last season. Shipments during the week were 1,129,000 bushels. Total shipments are 88,952,000 bushels against 41,998,000 bushels last season.

European market conditions

European grain markets were showing some improvement the last week in July although business was still quiet according to a cable from Mr. Steere at Berlin. The price of wheat per bushel in Hamburg remained practically unchanged, amounting to \$1.57 on August 1, about the same as on July 23. The rye price at Berlin fell a little from \$1.50 on July 25 to \$1.48 on August 1.

A decree of the Russian Council of People's Commissars orders an increase in the price paid to peasants for the new harvest, according to a report in the "Manchester Guardian," July 21, from the paper's Moscow correspondent. The prices are now fixed for the entire collection season in order to anticipate any attempt on the part of the peasants to withhold grain in expectation of still higher prices. The increases vary between 10 and 20 per cent above last year's prices, according to quality, size and the quantity of reserves in a given region.

United States wheat prices

Cash wheat prices continue to decline at all markets. During the week ended July 27, the weighted average price of all classes and grades of wheat at six primary markets declined seven cents to \$1.22 per bushel as compared with \$1.36 last year. Since the first of July the average price has declined 19 cents. All classes except durum declined quite materially the week ended July 29. No.2 hard winter at Kansas City and No.1 dark northern spring at Minneapolis each declined eight cents to \$1.18 and \$1.38 per bushel respectively as compared with \$1.34 and \$1.61 a year ago. No.2 red winter at St. Louis declined four cents to \$1.47 per bushel or eight cents above last year's price. No.2 amber durum at Minneapolis only declined two cents to \$1.17. No.2 hard winter has declined 27 cents since the first of July and No.2 soft red winter has declined 25 cents during the same period. Western white wheat at Seattle declined about five cents to \$1.24 per bushel as indicated by the average of cash quotations. Cash prices have continued to decline since July 27. The spread between the cash closing prices at Minneapolis and Winnipeg remained unchanged at 15

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cents in favor of Minneapolis during the week ended July 27 as compared with 14 cents in favor of Winnipeg a year ago.

WHEAT: Weighted average cash price at stated markets

Week ended	All classes and grades siz markets		No.2 Hard Winter Kandas City		No.1 Dark N. Sp. Minneapolis		No. 2 Amber Durum Minneapolis		No. 2 Red Winter St. Louis	
	1927	1928	1927	1928	1927	1928	1927	1928	1927	1928
	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents
June 22	149	139	144	149	137	151	154	126	151	175
29	144	141	140	145	153	152	151	127	147	172
July 6	146	137	141	136	158	153	156	132	147	172
13	143	132	139	128	160	149	156	124	143	155
20	138	129	136	126	156	146	153	119	141	151
27	136	122	134	118	161	138	149	117	139	147
Aug. 3	134		133		155		152		137	
10	139		137		160		164		143	
17	138		138		154		161		144	
24	137		137		149		143		146	

WHEAT: Closing prices of July and September futures

Date	Chicago ^a		Kansas City		Minneapolis		Winnipeg		Liverpool		Buenos Aires ^a	
	1927	1928	1927	1928	1927	1928	1927	1928	1927	1928	1927	1928
July 5	146	136	136	128	144	136	162	138	164	151	142	133
12	143	131	---	125	140	132	161	132	163	144	142	129
	September futures											
19	138	128	131	120	137	126	b/146	b/127	b/159	b/146	142	130
26	138	124	130	116	138	121	b/145	b/121	b/161	b/138	142	125
Aug. 2	138	120	131	112	140	117	b/146	b/121	b/159	b/139	142	123
9	142		134		144		b/152		b/165		144	
16	141		133		141		b/150		b/164		144	
23	137		129		136		b/145		b/159		143	
30	134		127		133		b/141		b/158		140	

^a/ Prices are as of day previous to date of other market prices. August futures beginning June 28. ^b/ October future.

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Future closing prices of wheat were fairly steady during the week following July 26, but weakened several cents per bushel on the United States markets. Continued record breaking receipts of winter wheat in the southwest, favorable weather in the northwest and prospects bright in Canada for a big crop have had a depressing effect on the wheat market. On August 2 the closing prices of September futures as compared with those of a week before were four cents lower at Chicago, Kansas City and Minneapolis. Prices at Liverpool, however, strengthened slightly during the week. October futures at Winnipeg were unchanged at 121 cents per bushel and were one cent higher at Liverpool. September futures at Buenos Aires on August 1 closed two cents lower than a week before. Future closing prices in that market are now the lowest since October last year and about 18 cents lower than a year ago.

Rye production in 1928

The 1928 rye production as reported for 9 countries is 539,063,000 bushels against 638,383,000 bushels in 1927 when these countries produced 72 per cent of the estimated world production, exclusive of Russia and China. No estimates or revisions have been received during the past week. See tables pages 239 and 240.

Reports from Austria complain of a poor rye crop, according to a cable from Agricultural Commissioner L. V. Steere. The Austrian rye crop is too small to be of importance in the European rye situation, but may reflect the condition in Czechoslovakia also, which country is somewhat more important. In the past 6 years, decreases in Austrian rye yields have been accompanied by decreases in Czechoslovakia also, and vice versa.

FEED GRAINS

No change has been reported during the week in the production of feed grains. European feed grain conditions are less favorable than a week ago, particularly in southeastern Europe and there is growing concern about a possible feedstuffs scarcity, which is increased by a potato outlook less favorable than last year. In the United States, on the other hand, conditions are favorable. United States prices of barley and oats have fallen during the week while corn has increased. United States feed grain exports for the first four weeks in July, according to a preliminary report, were slightly below those for that period last year, due to the decrease in oats exports. Corn and barley shipments have both been larger than last year. Our stocks of feed grains on July 28 were less than 40 per cent of the stocks at the corresponding time last year, due to reduction in corn and oats. Barley stocks are about equal to last year. Scattering reports in Europe mentioned firm

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markets for corn and oats the middle of July with barley quiet.

Barley

Total barley production so far reported for 10 Northern Hemisphere countries remains at 531,884,000 bushels or 11 per cent above production in those countries last year when they produced about a third of the estimated world crop excluding Russia and China. Of the European countries not yet reporting production, less favorable reports are now coming in from Rumania in addition to those previously reported for Germany and France.

Grain crops in Rumania are reported to be unsatisfactory in Bessarabia, and irregular in Moldavia. Since over a third of the Rumanian barley acreage is in Bessarabia, and Moldavia is also an important producing region, these conditions may result in more or less reduction in the barley crop of the country, which early reports had indicated to be in good condition. Last year's barley crop in Rumania was 57,408,000 bushels or slightly above the average for the past five years. There is considerable uncertainty as to the size of the Russian barley crop. Latest official reports have been favorable, but private reports are not so optimistic.

The weekly average price of United States No. 2 barley at Minneapolis fell again in the week ended July 27 to 80 cents from 83 cents the preceding week. In the same week last year it fell from 82 to 74 cents. The heavier exports reported from the United States during the first three weeks in July as compared with a year ago were not maintained for the week ending July 28, when only 408,000 bushels were shipped out compared with 671,000 for the preceding week, and 604,000 in the corresponding week last year. Total shipments for the four weeks, however, are still above corresponding totals for the past two years. The total for 1928 is 1,617,000 bushels compared with 1,534,000 last year and 1,169,000 the year before. Argentine and Danubian exports reported through July 21 have been small compared with last year, and have brought the total reported so far this season for all countries down to 1,875,000 bushels compared with 2,776,000 last year. The market for barley in France was reported to be quiet the middle of July.

Oats

Total oat production so far reported in 8 countries amounts to 1,463,120,000 bushels, or an increase of 10 per cent over last year's crop in those countries when they produced about 36 per cent of the estimated world total excluding Russia and China.

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United States oats prices continued to fall the week ended July 27, the average price of No. 2 white oats at Chicago going down 8 cents to 52 cents during the week. It was still 9 cents above the average price for the corresponding week last year, however. Our oats stocks on July 28 were only about 2 million bushels compared with 12 million a year ago. Both the United States and Argentina have been cutting down on exports of oats in July as compared with last year. United States exports through July 23 were only 144,000 bushels compared with 428,000 last year, and Argentine exports reported through July 21 were only 283,000 bushels compared with 2,866,000 for the corresponding period last year. France reported restricted sales of oats the middle of July with prices firm.

Corn

No revisions or new estimates of production have been received during the week. Production in the United States, and for Bulgaria, the only other country for which a report is available, is not changed from the previous report of 2,764,198,000 bushels, a decrease of 1.1 per cent from last year's crop in these two countries. They produced about 65 per cent of last year's world corn crop exclusive of Russia and China. The United States weather in recent weeks has been favorable to the corn crop, but in southern and southeastern Europe some deterioration in the crop from heat is reported, according to a cable from Agricultural Commissioner Steere. Acreage figures for Italy, Yugoslavia and Hungary have not yet been reported. Total European acreage so far reported, including Rumania, Bulgaria, France, Czechoslovakia and Switzerland amounts to 13,364,000 acres practically the same as the 13,345,000 for those countries last year.

United States corn stocks have been decreasing rapidly during July and on the 28th were only 12 million bushels compared with 32 million on that date last year. United States corn prices increased during the week ended August 1, while Argentine prices remained stable, resulting in an increased margin. No. 3 Yellow at Chicago rose from 104.2 cents a bushel at Chicago July 25 to 108.7 cents July 31, while Argentine corn prices at Buenos Aires for early delivery rose from 88.8 cents for July 24 to 88.3 July 27, then dropping back to 87.0 cents the last of the month. The margin of the Chicago over the Buenos Aires price rose from 16.4 cents July 24 to 22.2 July 30, dropping to 21.7 cents next day. During July last year when our total corn imports amounted to 692,331 bushels, the margin of the Argentine over the Chicago price averaged 31.6 cents.

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United States exports in July were 637,000 bushels compared with 590,000 a year ago, and the total since November 1 continues above last year, amounting to 17,745,000 bushels this year compared with 15,312,000 a year ago. Argentine exports reported for the 4 weeks ended July 28 amount to 33,511,000 bushels which is about equal to the corresponding June figures. Total Argentine exports for the complete month of July last year are officially reported at 39,964,000 bushels. Corn from South Africa is now beginning to come on the market. Exports to Europe for the week ended July 21 were reported at 300,000 bushels compared with 43,000 the preceding week and 86,000 the first week in July, a total of 429,000 bushels compared with a similar total of 171,000 for that period last year. The market for corn in Denmark was firm with prices rising the middle of July, and supplies low.

Increased grain acreage in Turkestan, Asiatic Russia

The 1928 grain acreage of Russian central Asia or Turkestan, is estimated at 4,520,000 acres, an increase of 15 per cent over 1927, according to "Economic Life" of July 4, 1928. The crop conditions, it is stated, are exceptionally favorable and a considerable commercial surplus is expected this year. No figures showing the acreage under individual crops in 1927 and 1928 are available, but in 1925 and 1926 wheat constituted about 60 per cent of the total grain acreage, spring wheat predominating, followed by barley, corn and minor crops.

It is stated that the expansion of grain areas this year occurred on non-irrigated lands. As a rule the crop on this land during the 2 to 3 years out of 5, writes the paper's correspondent, merely covers the seed. This, however, is said to be a fortunate year, the crop being estimated above the average. Contracts with the growers, although delayed and therefore not as large as they could be, cover 136,000 acres of wheat.

Since Central Asia is a deficiency grain region, depending for its grain supply on other regions, a large local crop will diminish this dependence and leave a larger share of the grain supply of producing regions for consumption in industrial areas and export. As against that, the statement should be noted that transportation difficulties are expected, due to the fact that the principal grain sections of the region are far removed from the railroads. Warehousing facilities are also insufficient, and new warehouses are being hurriedly equipped. It should be borne in mind in this connection that an adequate supply of grain at reasonable prices is essential for the development of cotton growing on a large scale in this region as planned by the Soviet authorities.

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It is stated in "Economic Life" that more than half of the grain supply shipped to the cotton growing regions of central Asia will originate this year in the territory gravitating to the Tashkent Railroad, i.e. districts in Kazakstan, the province of Orenburg, etc. All these sections were expected to have good crops this year. The Tashkent Railroad, connecting the cities Tashkent and Orenburg, is the only direct, and the shortest, route between central Asia and European Russia. No figures concerning the origin of the grain shipped to central Asia during preceding years, and the extent to which it was shipped by way of the Tashkent railroad are available to serve as a basis for comparison. But it is not without interest that in a publication of the former Russian Ministry of Agriculture, devoted to the description of Asiatic Russia and published in 1914, it was stated that the Tashkent railroad, the construction of which was completed in 1905-6, was a particularly important factor in the growth of the cotton acreage in Turkestan. This is explained by the fact that by delivering cheap grain from European Russia, it permitted an increase of the area under cotton at the expense of cereals. Additional details on the relation between cotton growing and grain supply in Turkestan appeared on pages 425-426 of "Foreign Crops and Markets," Vol. 16, No. 13, March 26, 1928.

TOBACCO

The 1927-28 tobacco crop of the consular district of Veracruz, Mexico, is estimated at 12,553,000 pounds, compared with 6,467,000 pounds during the preceding season, according to a report from Vice Consul William A. Myers at Veracruz, July 9, 1928. The tobacco of San Andres Tuscutla section is being exported to Germany and Belgium. Prices range from 13.8 cents to 29.6 cents per pound. The total 1927 production of Mexico is estimated at 19,912,000 pounds from an area of 37,925 acres.

FRUIT, VEGETABLES AND NUTS

APPLE AND PEAR PROSPECTS IN EUROPE AND CANADA: Middle of July prospects for the 1928 continental apple and pear crop seem to indicate that American apples should find a rather favorable market in European consuming centers this coming winter, according to a report to the Foreign Service of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics from Agricultural Commissioner L. V. Steere at Berlin. Crop conditions vary to a greater extent than for many years, so that an accurate size-up of the situation is still difficult, but generally speaking, Northern and Western Europe has only a small to medium crop of apples and a medium or slightly better

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crop of pears; the southern European districts have an apple crop ranging between fair and good, but a small pear crop. In England and Wales the apple and pear crop are patchy. Abnormal dropping is reported and most varieties promise only fair crops compared with good crops last year, according to a cable from Agricultural Commissioner Foley at London quoting the British Ministry report of July 26. Early varieties of apples promise to be a better crop in England than is the case with late fall and winter varieties. Condition in Canada the early part of July indicated good crops of apples and pears in British Columbia and slightly below average yields in the eastern provinces.

Production of apples and pears in Holland and Germany, the districts immediately tributary to the most important consuming centers of continental Europe, namely the northern German and Rhineland cities and the Channel and Scandinavian countries, promises to be relatively small, according to Mr. Steere. These markets must, therefore, depend upon imported supplies considerably earlier in the season than last year which should favor United States market prospects. See Foreign Service release F.S./F-65, August 6, 1928.

EUROPEAN PRUNE MARKETS AND PRODUCTION: The spot market for prunes in Hamburg during July was quieter than during June, according to a cable from Consul T. H. Bevan at Hamburg. There were practically no new contracts placed with California shippers of 1927 stock. Considerable sales of California new crop prunes were effected during the last week of June and the first 10 days of July, however, through the smaller shippers at advancing prices. After July 10 the demand for new stock prunes quieted and sales since then have been negligible. Hamburg stocks on July 15 were as follows, in short tons: Oregon, 379; California, 2,954; Bosnian, 47.

The Yugoslavian exportable surplus of prunes for 1928 is being estimated by some members of the trade in Germany at the usual figure of approximately 50,000 short tons, but reports from other creditable sources indicate that the crop will be somewhat below the average, according to a cable from L. V. Steere, Acting American Agricultural Commissioner at Berlin. The latter opinion is strengthened by the fact that the hot weather prevailing in the prune districts of Yugoslavia during July is expected to cause considerable falling of the fruit. As a result, prune prices in Valjevo rose at the end of July to about 4 cents per pound normal garniture. Prices in Yugoslavia indicate that the proportion of the large sized prunes in the new crop will be probably smaller than expected because of the drought. Stocks of carryover prunes are negligible in Yugoslavia, and stocks of prune brandy are below normal, according to Mr. Steere.

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Reports received from the Prunes d'Ente growing district in France are mostly pessimistic regarding the size of the crop for 1928 because of the damage done by excessive rain and cold weather during the early part of the season, according to Consul Lucien Memminger at Bordeaux. Instead of an average crop of about 7,000 short tons as at first expected, the general concensus of opinion at the present time is that the crop will range from 2,500 to 3,000 short tons. This would be considerably below the crop of last year, which amounted to 5,000 short tons, and would be the smallest since. 1925.

ONION SEED CROP IN CANARY ISLANDS: The onion seed crop of the Canary Islands for the current year is expected to reach 205,000 pounds, a crop fully equal to that of 1927, according to a report from Consul Raleigh A. Gibson at Teneriffe, dated June 21. One hundred and five thousand pounds of the 1928 crop are crystal wax seed, the balance being yellow Bermuda. A large amount of seed, principally crystal wax, will be thrown on the open market as much of this seed is not grown under contract, according to Consul Gibson. Exports during 1927 were 84,898 pounds crystal wax seed and 104,914 yellow Bermuda. It is estimated there is a carryover of about 20,000 pounds from last year's crop.

L I V E S T O C K, M E A T A N D W O O L

BRADFORD WOOL MARKET: English wool was selling slowly at Bradford during the week ended August 3 due to resistance of users of manufactures to quoted rates, according to a cablegram from Consul Thompson at Bradford. There was little business in tops and yarns and, although prices showed no appreciable change during the week, there was a weakening tendency. Demand for piece goods was only fair.

BRITISH PORK SUPPLIES: There were further seasonal reductions during July in the supplies of fresh pork handled through the London Central markets, according to preliminary figures cabled by Mr. E. A. Foley, American Agricultural Commissioner at London. The July figure of 2,684,000 pounds, while 672,000 pounds under the June level, was still more than 400,000 pounds larger than a year ago. In cured pork, Liverpool stocks of hams, bacon and shoulders continued the decline of recent months to reach 3,260,000 pounds on July 31, in spite of the heavy imports of recent weeks. The July figure was almost 50 per cent under that of July 31, 1927. Lard stocks at Liverpool, however, rose further, standing at 10,734,000 pounds at the end of July against 8,774,000 pounds for June and 7,233,000 pounds a year ago. The July, 1928, figure for lard is the largest since September, 1925.

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BRITISH BACON PRICES STEADY: Liverpool quotations on Danish wiltshire sides averaged \$24.98 per 100 pounds for the week ended August 1, according to information cabled by Agricultural Commissioner Foley at London. That figure is about the same as for the preceding week. Canadian Wiltshires, however, were easier at \$21.94. The recent quotations on Danish bring the July average to \$24.66, against \$23.51 for June and \$20.36 in July, 1927. The July, 1928, average on Canadian works out at \$22.69 against \$22.48 for the preceding month and \$18.98 last year. See table, page 245.

GERMAN HOG PRICES FIRMER: The average price of heavy hogs at Berlin reached \$15.40 per 100 pounds against \$15.02 for the preceding week, according to L. V. Steere, Acting American Agricultural Commissioner at Berlin. The current weekly average is about \$1.80 per 100 pounds above that of the corresponding week of last year. The July, 1928, average stands at \$14.78 against \$14.51 for June and \$13.28 in July, 1927. Lard prices at Hamburg were firmer also for the week ended August 1 at \$14.58. See table, page 245.

THE WORLD SITUATION IN CATTLE AND BEEF

The interest of the United States in the world situation in cattle and beef lies primarily in (1) the extent to which our markets are attractive to cattle and beef produced in foreign, especially North American, countries, and (2) the effect upon our foreign markets for pork products of existing supplies and prices of beef in those markets. The present favorable United States market for beef and beef cattle has brought imports to a point higher than usual, but there are no indications of the volume of such imports reaching a point large enough to materially affect the domestic market before our own supplies become large enough to discourage importations. In our leading foreign markets for cured pork, price relationships of the past 2 months have indicated a situation less favorable to pork consumption than it was during the bulk of the marketing season beginning November 1, 1927, but pork prices still remain relatively low. Beef consumption in Europe, however, appears to have declined somewhat during the last few years, with the exception of Germany, and indications are that export supplies in Southern Hemisphere so far in 1928 have been smaller than in the same period of last year.

Imports of cattle, beef and veal into the United States have increased since January 1, but are still only some 3 per cent of the total volume of the United States marketings of cattle and calves. Cattle imports since that date showed increases over last year from Canada and Mexico, as did beef from

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Canada and New Zealand. Cattle imports reached 511,000 head for the year ended June 30, 1928 against 358,000 head for the year ended June 30, 1927. The Mexican export embargo was rescinded in October 1927, and an export duty imposed on June 1, 1928, and much of the cattle from that country came in during the free period. Local demand in Texas, however, is expected to sustain a moderate flow of Mexican cattle to this country.

In Canada, the cattle business has been stimulated by the good prices prevailing in the United States, but the number available for sale in this market cannot be viewed as a depressing influence. United States imports of beef and veal for the first 5 months of 1928 were 13,613,000 pounds as against 8,586,000 pounds for the same period of 1927. The increase in largely accounted for by imports from New Zealand reaching 6,013,000 pounds against 738,000 pounds for the corresponding period of last year. That country however, cannot be expected to supply enough beef to the American market to be a factor in our domestic price situation, during the somewhat limited period through which the present relatively high prices may be expected to prevail. New Zealand is primarily a dairy and sheep country, which activities are usually more profitable than is raising beef for export to markets other than Great Britain, to which market the bulk of the New Zealand beef export is sent.

Cattle numbersNorth America

Following an increase in cattle numbers in the United States during the years 1920-1925 as against 1909-1913, a consistent decline since 1925 places cattle numbers for 1928 in this country at 55,696,000 head, a decline from 1925 of 13.8 per cent. The decline in cattle has been a major factor in bringing about the relatively high prices prevailing at present. Per capita consumption figures also rose in 1925 and 1926 but remained below pre-war, and showed some decline in 1927. In Canada, cattle numbers have varied only slightly since the war. In recent years, cattle exports from Canada have not exceeded 217,000 head, according to official Canadian figures. From 1923 to 1925 those exports were fairly equally divided between Great Britain and the United States, but since 1926 most of the trade has been with this country. Total Canadian beef exports reached their peak of recent years in 1927, when 56,741,000 pounds were shipped out. Difficulty of competition in the British markets has thrown the bulk of such shipments into the United States during the last 3 years. In Mexico the latest cattle figures are for 1926, when they stood at 5,121,000 head, about the same as before the war, but an increase of 60 per cent over 1925. The total figures for the three North American countries in 1926, the last year in which they all reported, was 72,814,000 head against an average of 77,501,000 head for 1921-1925 and 70,369,000 head in 1909-1913. See table, page 209.

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South America

No recent official figures are available upon the number of cattle in the important beef producing countries of South America. The beef cattle industry in Argentina has declined somewhat during the past 6 years, although evidence now indicates that there has been a check in the decline. According to some authorities, however, diversified agriculture is competing with cattle raising to an extent that may prevent any material expansion. A semi-official estimate made by the Argentine Rural Society places the number of cattle in that country in 1927 at about 30,000,000 head, compared with the census figure of 37,065,000 in 1922 and 25,867,000 in 1914. Even in periods of unrestricted trade, Argentine beef was never of primary importance in the United States market, owing somewhat to the organization of the business to take care of the European markets, which had built up favorable shipping accommodations.

In Brazil, an important cattle producing country in South America, there has been no official census since 1920. However, the 1925 estimate for the state of Rio Grande do Sul was 10,086,000, according to a consular report of October 1926, compared with the census figures of 8,489,000 for 1920. Rio Grande do Sul supports about 25 per cent of the cattle in Brazil in 1920. Cattle in Uruguay are estimated to be about the same as in 1924, according to information contained in the monthly circular for March 1928 of the Bank of London and South America, Ltd. In that year they amounted to about 8,432,000 head. If it is assumed that cattle numbers in Brazil and Uruguay have not changed much since the last censuses, there is still an indicated decrease for South America of about 7,000,000 head. The other South American countries have not been considered owing to a lack of reliable estimates for either the pre-war or post-war periods, although the tendency appears to be toward increased numbers. See table, page 209.

Europe

Reports for 15 European countries for which figures are available for 1927 place the total cattle for those countries at 105,727,000 against 94,016,000 for the average of 1921-1925, and 101,851,000 for 1909-1913. Practically all of the countries in that group give figures as large as or larger than the pre-war period, except France and Germany, the two most important producers. Figures for 1928 from those two countries, however, indicate continued increases in numbers, with very narrow margins below the pre-war levels. The low European figures as a result of the war have been important factors in lowering per capita consumption and in stimulating imports of frozen meat. In continental Europe, the tendency appears to be toward larger cattle numbers which, in combination with artificial restraints in international trade in fresh meats, may be expected to exert depressing influences on prices in the domestic markets. The British market situation in beef, owing to its being closed to continental supplies, is more under the influence of conditions overseas than are the continental countries. See table, page 209.

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Oceania

Both Australia and New Zealand report decreased cattle numbers for 1927. In Australia, the figure of 15,130,000 head indicates a decrease below the 1920-1925 average of 11.7 per cent, but an increase over 1909-1913 of 7.1 per cent. In New Zealand, cattle numbers for 1927 are placed at 3,242,000 head. That figure indicates little change from the usual post-war numbers, but an increase of about 50 per cent over the 1909-1913 average. So far, only relatively small amounts of beef have reached the American market from those countries, and the rate of increase over a number of years gives no indication of substantially larger amounts of beef being available for sale in the United States. In fact, the cattle numbers in those countries appear to be not much greater than required to meet the home demand and to maintain the present rate of European trade in frozen beef.

Other countries

Reports from cattle producing countries in Africa indicate a tendency to increase such holdings over the numbers available before the war, but beef from such sources plays only a small part in the world's international trade. Relatively small amounts are recorded in the imports of countries with African possessions. In Asiatic countries, British India reports cattle numbers in recent years substantially larger than before the war. Asiatic Russia is next in importance, and also reports increases in cattle. In fact, all the available information on both Africa and Asia indicates larger numbers of cattle being produced during the past 5 years than immediately before or after the war. See table, page 210.

Slaughter and meat production

Indications are that Canada is anticipating a continuance of the favorable market for Canadian beef in the United States. For the period January-May, 1928, inspected slaughter and meat production in Canada continued the advance noted throughout 1927. In the United States, however, inspected slaughter and beef production for that period of 1928 declined 7.5 per cent and 10 per cent respectively under the corresponding period of 1927. From the viewpoint of American supply the amount of beef received from Canada annually constitutes but a small part, amounting to only 0.4 per cent of the estimated total United States beef consumption for 1927. Including cattle, imports from Canada amount to only about 3 per cent of our consumption. From the Canadian side, however, exports to the United States in 1927 represented 89.4 per cent of the total beef export, and 7.1 per cent of the total estimated beef production of that year.

Meat production for export in South America appears to have been somewhat smaller during the first 5 months of 1928 than in the corresponding period of last year. In Argentina, slaughter in freezing plants for the 1928 period indicated was about 17 per cent under 1927. Even allowing

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for heavier carcasses in 1928 as a result of improved grazing conditions, the production of meat this year has probably run behind that of 1927. Uruguay shows a very slight increase in slaughter figures for the first 5 months of this year against that of last year. No. 1928 figures are available for Australia, but unofficial estimates for slaughter and beef production in New Zealand indicate substantial increases this year, although the total involved is small.

In Europe, the only important consumers of imported beef to give indications of the domestic supply situation for 1928 are Great Britain and Germany. In the former country both inspected slaughter for the first quarter of 1928 and receipts of beef at the London Central Markets for the first 5 months were slightly under those of a year ago. In Germany, where imported beef is a smaller factor in the total supply situation than in Great Britain, inspected slaughter for the first quarter of 1928 showed an increase of 2 per cent over 1927, while inspected beef production for that period advanced 4 per cent over a year ago. In most important European beef importing countries, the tendency in recent years has been toward larger domestic supplies and reduced imports. See tables, pages 213 and 214.

Beef consumption

The consumption of beef in Europe shows signs of having decreased in the last 2 or 3 years, both as to total and per capita volumes. These conditions apply with particular emphasis to Great Britain, the outstanding importer of chilled and frozen beef, and also the leading market for pork products exported from the United States. Germany, also an important consumer of American pork products, is an important exception in that beef consumption there has increased steadily since the war, and in 1927 exceeded pre-war figures. It should be noted, however, that the consumption of all meats in 1927 in the important foreign markets for American pork, both total and per capita, was larger in 1927 than in the pre-war period, with the bulk of the increase accounted for by increased consumption of pork. Additional details on the relative importance of various meats in Europe appeared on page 83 of Foreign Crops and Markets dated July 16, 1928.

In the United States and Canada, beef consumption in 1927 registered an appreciable decline below 1925 and 1926. In the United States, the total estimated consumption was well ahead of the pre-war level, but per capita figures for 1927 were substantially under those of the pre-war period. In Canada, however, the 1927 figures of both total and per capita consumption show an increase over pre-war. Of the world's other important beef producing countries, Argentina continues to increase its already very heavy per capita beef consumption rate. Consumption in Australia also has been growing since the war, but by 1925 had not yet regained the pre-war level. See tables, pages 215 to 220.

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Country	Month of es-	Average 1909-13	Average 1921-25	1925	1926	1927	1928
		Thou- sands	Thou- sands	Thou- sands	Thou- sands	Thou- sands	Thou- sands
NORTH AND CENTRAL AMERICA AND WEST INDIES							
Canada.....	June	6,551	9,588	9,307	8,751	9,172	
United States.....	Jan.	58,676	65,421	61,996	59,122	56,872	55,696
Mexico.....	June	b/c/5,142	2,492	2,925	5,121		
Gautemala.....	July	557	268	245	564	260	
Honduras.....		411	d/ 466				
Salvador.....		350					
Nicaragua.....		c/e/ 252	1,200				
Costa Rica.....		c/ 333	443	433			
Cuba.....	Dec. f/	2,917	4,667	4,630	3,783		
Dominican Republic.....	May	652					
Porto Rico.....		c/ 316	178	144			
Total North and Cen- tral Amer. & West Indies count. rept'd all periods to 1927		65,784	75,277	71,548	68,257	66,304	
All periods to 1926		73,843	82,436	79,103	77,161		
Estimated total g/..		76,000	86,000				
SOUTH AMERICA							
Colombia.....		4,000	c/ 7,468	6,476	6,500		
Venezuela.....		2,004	2,689				
Ecuador.....			h/ 1,500		1,280		
Peru.....	(Feb		1,198				
Bolivia.....	(April	734	(1,500)	(1,000)	2,145	2,320	
Chila.....		1,780	1,957	1,918			
Brazil i/.....	Sept.	30,705	c/i/34,271				
Uruguay.....		c/e/8,193	8,117	k/8,432			
Paraguay.....	Dec. f/	4,422	4,600	h/4,300			
Argentina.....	Dec. f/c/1/25,867		c/ 37,065			h/30,000	
South America esti- mated total 1926		4,000	7,468	6,476	6,500		
Estimated total g/		80,000	101,000				
EUROPE							
England.....	June	5,843	5,824	6,163	6,253	6,275	
Scotland.....	June	1,203	1,171	1,205	1,198	1,204	
Ireland.....	June	4,847	4,996	4,659	4,614	4,746	
Norway m/.....	June	n/ 1,134	1,128	1,151	1,200	1,209	
Sweden.....	June	3,069	2,418	h/2,100			
Denmark.....	July	2,717	2,613	2,758	2,838	2,912	
Holland.....	(Ma-Ju)	2,062	2,063				
Belgium.....	Dec. f/	1,925	1,550	1,628	1,655	1,712	1,739
France.....	Dec. f/	15,338	13,582	14,025	14,373	14,482	14,941
Spain.....	Dec. f/	2,587	3,457	3,436	3,794	3,688	
Portugal.....		c/o/ 703	752	768			
Italy i/.....	(Mar- April)	6,590	6,925	K/7,000			

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CATTLE: Number in countries having 150,000 or over average
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Country	Month of es- timate	Average 1909-13 a/ Thou- sands	Average 1921-25 a/ Thou- sands	1925 Thou- sands	1926 Thou- sands	1927 Thou- sands	1928 Thou- sands
EUROPE, CONT'D							
Switzerland.....		c/ 1,443	1,443		1,587		
Germany.....	Dec. f/	18,474	16,786	17,326	17,202	17,221	17,983
Austria.....	Dec-Apr	2,356	2,224				
Czechoslovakia.....	Dec. f/	4,596	4,469		4,691		
Hungary.....	Apr.	2,150	1,858	1,920	1,847	1,805	
Yugoslavia i/.....	Jan.	5,155	4,122	3,796	3,738		
Greece i/.....		665	701				
Bulgaria i/.....	Dec. f/	2,048	2,148	1,560			
Rumania i/.....	Dec. f/	5,648	5,570	5,583	5,219	4,992	4,552
Poland.....		8,351	8,473	k/ 8,950		8,571	
Lithuania.....		918	1,149	1,339	1,396		
Latvia.....	June	912	868	907	955	967	
Estonia.....	Summer	528	508	555	599	634	
Finland.....	Sept.	1,605	1,847	1,871	1,860		
Russia(European).....	Summer	p/ 38,545	34,105	42,269	43,058	q/43,880	
Total Europe count. rept'd all periods to 1927.....		101,851	94,016	103,585	104,805	105,727	
to 1926.....		109,529	101,134	110,591	111,799		
Estimated total g/..		141,000	133,000				
AFRICA							
Morocco.....		r/ 675	1,711	1,955	1,933	2,200	
Algeria.....	Sept.	1,112	849	892	946	849	
Tunis.....	Dec. f/	195	413	308	370	396	
French West Africa....		1,500	2,158	2,272	2,313		
French Sudan.....		1,019	1,086				
Nigeria.....			2,805	2,864	3,162		
French Cameroon.....			385	325	332		
Egypt i/.....	Sept.	1,316	1,310	1,400	1,485		
Anglo-Egyptian Sudan..			864	935	1,500		
Italian Somaliland....	Feb.		c/i/1,246				
Eritrea.....		517	506				
Kenya Colony.....	Mar-June	754	3,038	3,417	3,413	3,476	
Uganda.....		556	1,109	1,342	1,338		
French Equatorial Africa			882				
Belgian Congo		500	495	480	465		
Portuguese East Africa			270				
British Southwest Africa		206	561	572	621		
Bechuanaland.....		c/ 324	495	502	518		
Union of South Africa.	Apr-May	c/ 5,797	9,342	9,738			
Basutoland.....		c/ 437	604	631	645		
Rhodesia -							
Northern.....	Dec. f/	255	289	386	382	363	
Southern.....	Dec. f/	509	1,794	2,009	2,102	2,189	

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Country	Month of es- timate	Average 1909-13 a/ Thou- sands	Average 1921-25 a/ Thou- sands	1925 Thou- sands	1926 Thou- sands	1927 Thou- sands	1928 Thou- sands
AFRICA, CONT'D							
Swaziland.....		60	244				
Tanganyika Territory...		1,489	3,806	4,472	4,472		
Madagascar	Feb.	4,890	7,624	7,659			
Total African countries rept'd all periods:							
to 1927.....		2,071	3,345	3,595	3,800	3,797	
to 1926.....		9,828	18,632	20,638	21,003		
Estimated total g/..		27,000	46,000				
ASIA							
Turkey, European and Asiatic.....		s/ 6,438	4,265	4,622	5,017	5,135	
Persia.....			h/ 1,000				
Syria.....			257	280	243		
India - i/ British.....	Dec to	128,451	146,759	150,978	150,832		
Native States.....	April	13,258	33,932	36,254			
Ceylon i/.....		1,484	1,459		1,457	1,537	
Russia (Asiatic).....	Summer	t/13,578	u/10,996	v/14,608	v/15,445	v/16,017	
China, incl. Turkestan and Manchuria.....		21,997					
Japan.....	Dec. f/	1,385	1,440	1,456	1,460		
Chosen.....	Dec. f/	966	1,567	1,605	1,591	1,595	
Formosa i/.....	Dec. f/	473	407	383	379		
French-Indo China i/...		p/ 4,616	3,390	3,643			
Siam i/.....		4,501	6,701	8,003	8,230		
Philippine Islands i/..		1,190	2,413	2,681	2,683		
Dutch East Indies - Java and Madura i/...	Dec. f/	5,091	5,289	5,656	5,721		
Other possessions i/...	Dec. f/	1,640	1,872	1,991	1,965		
Total Asia countries rept'd all periods:							
to 1927.....		20,892	16,828	20,835	22,053	22,747	
to 1926.....		163,713	181,714	191,983	193,323		
Estimated total g/..		208,000	246,000				
OCEANIA							
Australia.....	Dec. f/	11,535	13,789	13,309	13,280	11,888	
New Zealand.....	Jan.	c/ 2,020	3,393	3,470	3,452	3,242	
Total Oceania countries rept'd all periods:							
to 1927.....		13,555	17,182	16,779	16,732	15,130	
Estimated total g/..		14,000	17,000				

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CATTLE: Number in countries having 150,000 or over average 1909-13 and 1921-25, annual 1925-1928, cont'd

Country	Month of es- timate	Average 1909-13 a/ Thou- sands	Average 1921-25 a/ Thou- sands	1925 Thou- sands	1926 Thou- sands	1927 Thou- sands	1928 Thou- sands
World total countries rept'd all periods to 1927.....		204,243	206,648	216,342	215,642	213,705	
to 1926.....		374,468	408,566	425,570	426,518		
Estimated world total g/.....		546,000	629,000				

Compiled from official sources and the International Institute of Agriculture unless otherwise stated.

a/ Average for 5-year period if available otherwise for any year or years within this period except as otherwise stated. In countries having changed boundaries, the pre-war figures are estimates for one year only of numbers within present boundaries. For the pre-war average the years immediately preceding the war have been used.

b/ Year 1902. c/ Census. d/ Year 1918. e/ Year 1908. f/ Countries reporting as of December have been considered as of January 1 of the following year, i. e., figure for number of cattle in France as of December 31, 1920 has been put in the 1921 column. g/ This total includes interpolations for a few countries not reporting each year and rough estimates for some others. h/ Unofficial.

i/ Buffaloes included. j/ Year 1920. k/ Year 1924. l/ June. m/ In rural communities only. n/ September. o/ Year 1906. p/ Year 1916. q/ No estimate for Crimea so have included the 1926 estimate for that territory. Exclusive of Crimea the number is 43,633,400. r/ 1915. s/ In addition there were 832,163 buffaloes. t/ Year 1916. The 1920 census figures for Turkestan and Azerbaijan (part of Transcaucasia) have been included as no estimate was made for that region in 1916. u/ Includes estimated number in Turkestan and Azerbaijan according to census of 1920 with the estimates for the years 1921, 1922 and 1923 and the estimated number in Turkestan, Transcaucasia and Kazak-Kirghiz in 1924 with the year 1925 and 1926. v/ Includes 7,170,900 cattle in Turkestan, Kazak-Kirghiz and Transcaucasia in 1924. The number in Siberia and the Far East only was as follows: 1925, 7,436,800; 1926, 8,273,900; 1927, 8,846,200.

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CATTLE AND CALVES: Estimated slaughtering in principal exporting and importing countries, average pre-war, annual 1925-28

Exporting and importing countries	Pre-war <u>a/</u>	1925	1926	1927	From beginning of year to latest date available	
					1927	1928
PRINCIPAL EXPORTING COUNTRIES	Thou- sands	Thou- sands	Thou- sands	Thou- sands	Thou- sands	Thou- sands
United States:						
Inspected.....	9,633	15,206	15,333	14,396	c/ 5,921	c/ 5,464
Total <u>b/</u>	18,906	24,805	24,513	23,030		
Argentina:						
In packing plants.....	1,691	3,871	3,510	3,718	d/ 1,522	1,279
Total, excl. farm.....	3,272	7,379				
Australia.....	1,572	2,434				
Netherlands:						
Inspected <u>e/</u>	492	542	667			
Uruguay:						
In packing plants.....	59	648	725	689	d/ 444	d/ 475
Total, excl. farm.....	914	1,233	1,293			
New Zealand <u>f/</u>	<u>e/</u> 277	<u>h/</u> 469	<u>h/</u> 413		<u>i/</u> 26	<u>i/</u> 146
Canada:						
Inspected and farm....	1,218	1,921	1,903	2,003	<u>i/</u> 425	<u>i/</u> 426
PRINCIPAL IMPORTING COUNTRIES						
Germany:						
Inspected and farm.....	7,057	7,537	7,576	7,320	k/ 1,785	k/ 1,825
United Kingdom.....	3,302	<u>l/</u> 3,510	<u>l/</u> 3,415	<u>l/</u> 3,551		3
France:						
Inspected <u>m/</u>	3,165	2,531	2,905	3,187		
Inspected and farm <u>n/</u> ..	5,813	5,331	5,644	5,379		
Belgium:						
Inspected and farm.....	758	665	939			

a/ Average for 5 years immediately preceding war wherever available. b/ Estimated by Bureau of Animal Industry. c/ Five months, January-May. d/ In freezing establishments only first 5 months. e/ In addition there were the following number slaughtered on account of disease: 1909-13, 14,155; 1923, 27,885; 1924, 36,907; 1925, 36,138; 1926, 41,314. f/ Years ending March 31 of year following. g/ Excluding farm slaughter. h/ Including farm slaughter which for the years ending January 31 was as follows, - 1926, 11,023, 1927, 8,070. i/ Beef quarters exported, January-April inclusive. j/ Inspected January-May inclusive. k/ Inspected first quarter. l/ Unofficial estimates based on official method for England and Wales as published in the Agricultural Output of England and Wales, 1925. m/ Average 1909-13 slaughtering at municipal slaughter houses of all France. Subsequent years based on Paris slaughterings which during the years 1909-13 average 22 per cent of the cattle and 15 per cent of the calves slaughtered in municipal slaughter houses of all France. n/ Estimates based on method used by Dr. Louis G. Michael in United States Department of Agriculture Technical Bulletin #37, Agricultural Survey of Europe - France pp.126 and 127.

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BEEF AND VEAL: Estimated production in principal exporting and importing countries, average pre-war, annual 1925-28

Exporting and importing countries	Pre-war <u>a/</u>	1925	1926	1927	From beginning of year up to latest date available	
					1927	1928
PRINCIPAL EXPORTING COUNTRIES	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds
United States:						
Inspected.....	4,100	5,476	5,753	5,276	c/ 2,153	c/ 1,921
Total b/.....	7,157	7,146	8,418	7,693		
Argentina:						
In packing plants.....	1,196	2,177	1,925	2,182		
Total, excl. farm.....	2,312	4,044				
Australia.....		d/ 1,180				
Uruguay:						
In packing plants.....	32	254	288	274		
Total, excl. farm.....	469	483	513			
New Zealand e/.....	f/ 221	g/ 306	g/ 289		h/ 4	h/ 20
Canada:						
Inspected and farm.....	426	692	685	711		
PRINCIPAL IMPORTING COUNTRIES						
Germany:						
Inspected and farm.....	2,139	2,032	2,085	2,092	i/ 502	i/ 523
United Kingdom j/.....	1,714	k/ 1,629	k/ 1,579	k/ 1,634	l/ 259	l/ 238
France:						
Inspected m/.....	1,240	1,090	1,176	1,281		
Inspected and farm n/..	2,040	1,791	1,829	1,724		
Belgium:						
Inspected and farm.....	316	220	295			

a/ Average for 5 years immediately preceding war wherever available. b/ Estimated by Bureau of Animal Industry. c/ Five months January-May. d/ Average production for 3 years ending 1925-26. e/ Years ending March 31 following. f/ Excluding farm slaughter. g/ Including farm slaughter. It was estimated as follows for the years ending January 31, 1926, 8,318,400 pounds, 1927 6,456,000 pounds. h/ Exports first 3 months. i/ Inspected first quarter. j/ For years ending May 31 following. k/ Estimated by multiplying slaughter by official average dressed weight. l/ Receipts of home produced beef at London Central Markets, January-May inclusive. m/ Estimated by multiplying slaughtering by average dressed weights at the Villette and Vangirar markets in Paris. No estimate available for 1927 so 1926 average weights used. n/ Pre-war 1909-13 - 1925, estimated by Dr. Louis G. Michael. Subsequent figures obtained by multiplying slaughter by average dressed weight.

THE WORLD SITUATION IN CATTLE AND BEEF, CONT'D

MEAT: Estimated consumption of beef, mutton and pork in specified countries, pre-war, 1921-1927

(Figures for pork for some countries to be brought up to date or revised in future pork issues)

Country and year	Beef and veal 1,000 pounds	Mutton and lamb 1,000 pounds	Pork 1,000 pounds	Total 1,000 pounds
Canada-				
Pre-war.....	426,451	63,582	456,955	956,988
1921.....	623,939	99,817	646,259	1,370,015
1922.....	651,891	87,419	661,977	1,401,287
1923.....	640,778	78,611	740,339	1,459,729
1924.....	648,043	47,984	833,714	1,529,741
1925.....	657,481	46,911	678,616	1,383,008
1926.....	658,277	56,270	706,421	1,420,968
1927.....	654,544	58,192	775,151	1,487,887
United States a/-				
Pre-war.....	6,915,000	685,000	6,809,000	14,409,000
1921.....	6,922,000	639,000	8,105,000	15,670,000
1922.....	7,440,000	545,000	8,818,000	16,803,000
1923.....	7,722,000	576,000	10,045,000	18,343,000
1924.....	7,928,000	589,000	10,241,000	18,758,000
1925.....	8,170,000	597,000	9,316,000	18,083,000
1926.....	8,393,000	641,000	9,273,000	18,307,000
1927.....	7,758,000	645,000	9,754,000	18,157,000
Argentina b/-				
Pre-war.....	1,336,874	87,245	29,467	1,453,586
1921.....	1,212,824	153,843	77,229	1,443,921
1922.....	1,966,845	169,483	80,396	2,216,724
1923.....	2,699,280	123,671	78,474	2,906,365
1924.....	1,298,233	21,300	53,871	2,003,404
1925.....	2,439,493	57,005	76,147	2,572,645
1926.....				
1927.....				
United Kingdom c/-				
Pre-war.....	2,768,192	1,321,152	1,546,496	5,635,840
1921.....	2,717,120	1,271,560	1,570,240	5,561,920
1922.....	3,006,080	1,255,600	1,758,400	6,030,080
1923.....	3,046,400	1,031,760	1,968,960	6,077,120
1924.....	d/3,045,525	d/1,065,713	2,071,209	6,182,452
1925.....	d/3,187,093	d/1,152,243	e/1,373,102	6,212,438
1926.....	d/3,164,953	d/1,210,074	e/1,703,270	6,078,297
1927.....	d/3,108,605	d/1,203,083	e/2,023,987	6,341,675
Denmark f/-				
Pre-war.....	122,644	22,487	125,111	270,242
1921.....				
1922.....	188,458	19,158	121,738	329,354
1923.....				
1924.....				
1925.....				
1926.....				
1927.....				

THE WORLD SITUATION IN CATTLE AND BEEF, CONT'D

MEAT: Estimated consumption of beef, mutton and pork in specified countries, pre-war, 1921-1927
(Figures for pork for some countries to be brought up to date or revised in future pork issues)

Country and year	Beef and veal 1,000 pounds	Mutton and lamb 1,000 pounds	Pork 1,000 pounds	Total 1,000 pounds
Belgium-				
Pre-war.....	314,477	15,098	318,878	648,453
1921.....	252,593	9,047	246,892	508,532
1922.....	315,757	9,087	206,600	531,444
1923.....	354,494	5,385	237,676	597,555
1924.....	383,449	6,884	268,277	658,610
1925.....	350,515	9,726	268,808	629,049
1926.....	356,436	8,856	267,218	632,510
1927.....				
France- g/				
Pre-war.....	2,036,193	393,223	1,950,647	4,380,063
1921.....	1,821,446	266,239	1,394,276	3,481,961
1922.....	1,864,544	265,973	1,487,705	3,618,222
1923.....	1,862,121	285,453	1,506,476	3,654,055
1924.....	1,964,396	278,675	1,554,375	3,797,446
1925.....	1,994,641	265,354	1,502,804	3,762,799
1926.....	1,992,184	316,071		
1927.....	h/1,868,879	270,323		
Germany i/-				
Pre-war.....	2,372,250	131,847	4,321,925	6,826,022
1921.....	1,914,777	133,773	2,874,467	4,923,017
1922.....	1,977,702	118,612	2,569,266	4,665,580
1923.....	1,481,212	78,199	2,439,775	3,999,186
1924.....	2,152,869	114,512	3,439,895	5,707,276
1925.....	2,471,650	123,366	4,784,137	7,379,153
1926.....	2,523,617	113,183	3,948,341	6,585,141
1927.....	2,555,667	99,538	4,553,865	7,209,070
Australia-				
Pre-war.....				
1921.....	i/ 558,487	i/ 362,881	k/ 55,927	977,295
1922.....			k/ 60,754	
1923.....			k/ 66,372	
1924.....	i/ 809,130	i/ 405,373	k/ 67,969	1,282,472
1925.....	i/ 903,162	i/ 371,408	k/ 72,205	1,346,775
1926.....	i/ 972,964	i/ 349,623		
1927.....				

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MEAT: Estimated consumption of beef, mutton and pork in specified countries, pre-war, 1921-1927

(Figures for pork for some countries to be brought up to date or revised in future pork issues)

Country and year	Beef and veal	Mutton and lamb	Pork	Total
	<u>1,000 pounds</u>	<u>1,000 pounds</u>	<u>1,000 pounds</u>	<u>1,000 pounds</u>
New Zealand-				
Pre-war				
1921	37,751)		37,645	
1922	177,677)		34,447	
1923	213,405)	1/ 117,375	37,261	
1924	276,807)		48,012	
1925	246,346)		47,166	
1926	240,584)			
1927				

Compiled from official sources except where otherwise stated.

a/ Estimates of the Bureau of Animal Industry. Lard included with pork.

The consumption of lard only was as follows in millions of pounds: pre-war, 1,065; 1921, 1,223; 1922, 1,558; 1923, 1,707; 1924, 1,749; 1925, 1,522; 1926, 1,584; 1927, 1,634. b/ Excludes consumption of meat produced on farms.

c/ Consumption for season ending May 31, following year except for pork when figures are for calendar year pre-war, 1921-1924. Official estimates of pork consumption apparently exclude imported lard. Including lard unofficial estimates are as follows in million pounds: average 1909-13 - 1,747; 1921-1,821; 1922 - 2,014; 1923 - 2,272; 1924 - 2,418 years ending May 31, 1926 - 2,125, 1927 - 1,950; 1928, 2,315. d/ Preliminary unofficial. Estimates obtained by adding net imports to estimated production. e/ Estimated consumption seasons ending May 31, following years. f/ Estimates of meat consumed in Denmark by Harald Faber in his study entitled, "Agricultural Production in Denmark as published in the Journal of the Royal Statistical Society January 1924". g/ Estimates of Dr. Louis G. Michael, Bureau of Agricultural Economics, up to 1925 inclusive, estimates for other years based on same method of estimating except pork which in this table includes imported lard. Dr. Michael's estimates excluding imported lard are as follows in millions of pounds: pre-war, 1,934; 1921 - 1,339; 1922, 1,443; 1923 - 1,444; 1924 - 1,506; 1925 - 1,476. h/ Preliminary. i/ Estimated by adding net imports to production. j/ Consumption as officially estimated for 7 years ending 1920-21 and 3 years ending 1923-24, 1924-25 and 1925-26. k/ Bacon and hams only. l/ Average for 10-years, 1917-18 to 1926-27.

THE WORLD SITUATION IN CATTLE AND BEEF, CONT'D

MEAT: Estimated per capita consumption of beef, mutton and pork in specified countries, pre-war, annual 1921-1927

(Figures for pork for some countries to be brought up to date or revised in future pork issues)

Country and year	Beef and veal	Mutton and lamb	Pork	Total
	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Pounds</u>
Canada-				
Pre-war	60.9	9.1	66.7	136.7
1921	71.0	11.4	73.5	155.9
1922	72.9	9.8	74.0	156.8
1923	70.6	8.6	81.5	160.7
1924	70.2	5.2	90.4	165.8
1925	70.2	5.0	72.5	147.7
1926	70.1	6.0	75.2	151.3
1927	68.8	6.1	81.4	156.3
United States- <u>a/</u>				
Pre-war	74.0	7.3	72.7	154.0
1921	63.9	5.9	74.8	144.6
1922	67.7	5.0	80.3	153.0
1923	69.1	5.2	90.0	164.3
1924	69.7	5.2	90.1	165.0
1925	70.8	5.2	80.8	156.8
1926	71.6	5.5	79.2	156.3
1927	65.4	5.4	82.3	153.1
Argentina- <u>b/</u>				
Pre-war	254.9	32.2	15.1	302.2
1921	195.0	38.7	26.8	260.5
1922	293.3	29.1	24.1	246.5
1923	320.8	23.4	26.1	370.3
1924	300.7	15.7	27.7	344.1
1925	264.7	15.8	24.3	304.8
1926	245.7	19.6	25.0	290.3
1927	260.7	20.2	28.5	309.4
United Kingdom- <u>c/</u>				
Pre-war	61.3	29.3	34.2	124.8
1921	57.2	26.9	33.2	117.3
1922	62.9	26.5	37.0	126.4
1923	63.8	24.9	41.2	129.9
1924	<u>d/</u> 63.4	<u>d/</u> 22.1	43.1	128.6
1925	<u>d/</u> 66.2	<u>d/</u> 23.9	<u>e/</u> 38.9	129.0
1926	<u>d/</u> 65.5	<u>d/</u> 25.0	<u>e/</u> 35.2	125.7
1927	<u>d/</u> 64.0	<u>d/</u> 24.9	41.7	130.6

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THE WORLD SITUATION IN CATTLE AND BEEF, CONT'D

MEAT: Estimated per capita consumption of beef, mutton and pork in specified countries, pre-war, annual 1921-1927

(Figures for pork for some countries to be brought up to date or revised in future pork issues)

Country and year	Beef and veal	Mutton and lamb	Pork	Total
	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Pounds</u>
Denmark- f/				
Pre-war	44.5	8.2	45.4	98.1
1921				
1922	57.7	5.9	37.2	100.8
1923				
1924				
1925				
1926				
1927				
Belgium-				
Pre-war	41.6	2.0	42.2	85.8
1921	33.8	1.2	33.0	68.0
1922	41.8	1.2	27.4	70.4
1923	46.6	.7	31.3	78.6
1924	49.9	.9	34.9	85.7
1925	45.2	1.2	34.7	81.1
1926	45.2	1.1	33.9	80.2
1927				
France- g/				
Pre-war	49.2	9.5	47.0	105.7
1921	46.4	6.8	35.6	88.8
1922	47.4	6.8	37.8	92.0
1923	47.0	7.2	38.0	92.2
1924	49.3	7.0	40.0	96.3
1925	49.7	6.6	37.3	93.6
1926	48.9	7.8		
1927	45.9	6.6		
Germany- h/				
Pre-war	40.6	2.3	73.1	116.0
1921	30.7	2.1	46.0	78.8
1922	31.9	1.9	41.4	75.2
1923	23.7	1.2	39.7	64.6
1924	34.3	1.8	54.7	90.8
1925	39.1	2.0	59.9	101.0
1926	39.7	1.8	62.0	103.5
1927	40.2	1.6	71.6	113.4
Australia - i/				
New South Wales-				
Pre-war	152.3	97.5	14.4	264.2
1921	94.0	66.1	10.7	170.8
1922	112.6	86.1	14.6	213.3
1923	123.0	78.3	13.9	215.2
1924	126.1	59.9	14.8	200.8
1925	125.3	54.7	15.6	195.6
1926				
1927				

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MEAT: Estimated per capita consumption of beef, mutton and pork in specified countries, pre-war, annual 1921-1927
(Figures for pork for some countries to be brought up to date or revised in future work issues)

Country and year	Beef and veal	Mutton and lamb	Pork	Total
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
New Zealand - j/ Pre-war				
1921)		
1922 .....		)	29.3	
1923	147.1	) 91	26.3	298.1
1924 .....		)	27.9	
1925 .....		)	35.3	
1926 .....		)	33.9	
1927)		

Compiled from official sources unless otherwise states. In some cases the figures in this table differ slightly from those in other issues of "Foreign Crops and Markets." The changes are due mostly to the receipt of additional information after the publishing of these issues. In cases where per capita consumption has been estimated by adding to estimated production net imports or subtracting net exports the classification used in the international trade tables for beef and beef products, pork and pork products and mutton as published in the Yearbooks of the United States Department of Agriculture has been used. a/ Estimates of the Bureau of Animal Industry. Lard is included so as to make these figures more comparable with the figures for per capita consumption in other countries. The lard consumption only, is as follows; pre-war, 13.6 pounds; 1921, 11.3; 1922, 14.2; 1923, 15.3; 1924, 15.4; 1925, 13.2; 1926, 13.5; 1927, 13.8. b/ In Federal District of Buenos Aires. c/ For season ending May 31 following year except for pork when estimates are for calendar years pre-war, 1921-1924. Official estimates of pork per capita consumption apparently exclude imported lard. Including lard unofficial estimates are as follows in pounds; average 1909-13, 58.7, 1921, 38.5; 1922, 42.4; 1923, 47.6; 1924, 50.3. Year ending May 31, 1926, 44.1; 1927, 40.3; 1928, 47.7. d/ Preliminary unofficial. e/ For season ending May 31 following year. f/ Figures based on estimates of meat consumption in Denmark by Harald Faber in his study entitled "Agricultural Production in Denmark" published in the Journal of the Royal Statistical Society, January 1924. g/ Figures for beef and mutton are estimates of Dr. Louis G. Michael, Bureau of Agricultural Economics, up to 1925 inclusive, estimates for other years based on same method of estimating. Pork per capita consumption estimated by adding net imports of pork and pork products to production and dividing by population. h/ Unofficial estimates obtained by adding net imports as compiled from international trade tables to estimated production and dividing by population. i/ Average per capita consumption in all Australia for the 7 years ending 1920-21 is officially estimated as follows: Beef and Veal, 109.7 pounds; mutton and lamb, 69.5 pounds and for three years ending 1925-26 for beef and veal, 166 pounds and mutton and lamb 60 pounds. Per capita consumption, bacon and hams only is estimated for Australia for 1921, 10.2 pounds; 1922, 10.8 pounds; 1923, 11.5 pounds; 1924, 11.6 pounds; 1925, 12 pounds. j/ Average per capita consumption for 10-year period ending with 1926 for beef and 1927 for mutton. For pork the estimates are based on estimated production, net imports or exports divided by population.

THE WORLD SITUATION IN CATTLE AND BEEF, CONT'D.

Price movements

The direction of cattle and beef price movements in all of the world's important markets has been upward generally since the middle of 1927, with the direction particularly marked since January 1928. The situation in the United States has followed as a result of several successive years of reduced herds, and the domestic market has become increasingly attractive to imported beef. See tables, pages 222 to 224.

The price at which beef sells in Europe has considerable effect upon the demand for American pork products in our leading foreign markets for those commodities. It has been pointed out that in general, the European consumption of beef has given way more or less to pork consumption in recent years, especially in Great Britain, the leading foreign buyer of American pork. In an earlier issue of Foreign Crops and Markets (July 16, 1928) we pointed out the general fact that price differences between various forms of meat as a rule do not reduce the total consumption of all meat, but that they do influence to some extent the consumer's choice as between higher priced and lower priced meats. It was pointed out also that fresh meats of various kinds cannot be said to be directly competitive with cured pork of the type comprising the bulk of the United States pork exports other than lard. There is evidence to show, however, that when one kind of meat, such as pork in its various forms, is appreciably cheaper than other kinds, such as beef and veal, or mutton and lamb, then there is a tendency on the part of the consumer to favor the cheaper sorts of meat.

Throughout the 1927-28 pork marketing season beginning November 1, 1927, beef prices in Great Britain have risen more rapidly and to a relatively greater extent than have those of either mutton and lamb or fresh pork. Beef prices were rising faster than cured pork also until the beginning of the sharp pork price increase which became evident in May, 1928. By June, 1928 the average wholesale price of Argentine chilled hindquarters at London had reached a point 13.6 per cent higher than the November average, while forequarters were 8.2 per cent higher, and first quality British beef was averaging 20.3 per cent higher than in November. British fresh pork, however, at the high point reached in January 1928 was only 3.6 per cent above November, 1927, and by June had declined to a point 12.8 per cent below the beginning of the season. In cured pork, the average price of Danish Wiltshire sides from December 1927 to May 1928 did not vary far from the November average. A sharp increase since May, however, put the average for July about 27 per cent above that of November. It should be pointed out that the indicated increases in beef prices have been fairly regular each month, whereas the increase in cured pork prices occurred practically within the two months of June and July.

THE WORLD SITUATION IN CATTLE AND BEEF, CONT'D

CATTLE: Average monthly prices in Liniers market, Argentina - in cents per pound

CHILLED

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
1924...					3.58	3.94	4.57	4.90	5.05	6.00	5.12	4.58	
1925...	5.09	5.23	6.44	6.24	6.48	6.02	6.23	6.59	6.59	5.96	5.47	5.08	5.95
1926...	5.27	5.36	5.09	5.30	4.80	5.27	5.50	5.58	5.33	4.51	4.08	3.96	5.00
1927...	4.26	4.35	4.63	4.89	4.66	5.07	5.99	6.45	6.65	6.92	5.68	5.39	5.46

FROZEN

1924...					3.13	3.24	3.98	4.28	4.44	5.50	4.44	4.23	
1925...	4.73	4.87	5.91	5.55	5.58	5.10	5.31	5.67	5.86	5.40	4.90	4.89	5.31
1926...	4.75	4.83	4.44	4.63	4.59	4.44	4.69	4.72	4.55	4.03	3.67	3.49	4.40
1927...	3.84	4.37	4.20	4.34	4.04	4.45	5.36	5.78	5.83	5.82	5.06	4.87	4.83

CONTINENTAL

1924...					2.98	3.10	3.69	4.13	4.28	5.33	4.26	3.88	
1925...	4.54	4.69	5.73	5.20	5.22	4.74	4.94	5.31	5.49	5.03	4.71	4.70	5.02
1926...	4.72	4.80	4.37	4.58	4.52	4.62	4.78	4.78	4.63	4.15	3.85	3.74	4.47
1927...	4.00	4.60	4.35	4.38	4.09	4.46	5.38	5.70	5.79	5.86	5.06	4.83	4.88

CONSUMPTION

1924...					2.24	2.21	2.66	3.06	3.52	4.33	3.92	3.53	
1925...	3.82	4.15	4.48	3.99	4.14	4.01	4.21	4.21	4.39	4.28	4.15	4.51	4.20
1926...	4.30	4.29	3.86	4.10	3.97	4.11	4.34	4.35	4.31	4.04	3.81	3.63	4.09
1927...	3.99	4.47	4.27	4.22	3.99	4.24	4.93	5.24	5.03	5.47	4.93	4.91	4.65

CALVES

1924...					2.09	2.56	2.66	3.21	3.52	4.33	3.92	3.53	
1925...	3.82	3.97	4.30	3.99	3.96	4.01	4.21	4.76	4.76	4.28	4.52	4.51	4.25
1926...	4.53	4.58	3.25	4.25	4.19	4.36	4.59	4.76	4.77	4.44	4.14	4.09	4.33
1927...	4.35	4.85	4.50	4.47	4.20	4.49	4.84	5.20	5.00	5.76	5.29	5.22	4.85

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CHILLED BEEF, STEERS (SPECIAL): Monthly average prices per pound at
Buenos Aires, 1924 to 1928

Month	1924	1925	1926	1927	1928
	<u>Cents</u>	<u>Cents</u>	<u>Cents</u>	<u>Cents</u>	<u>Cents</u>
January	3.19	5.54	5.40	4.21	6.11
February	3.40	5.54	5.42	4.73	5.86
March	3.61	6.20	5.27	4.63	6.21
April	3.50	6.20	5.39	5.03	a/ 6.33
May	3.56	6.51	5.82	4.81	6.65
June	3.76	6.48	5.24	5.15	
July	4.51	6.54	5.58	5.95	
August	4.93	6.72	5.70	6.55	
September	5.15	6.91	5.45	6.48	
October	5.95	6.25	4.53	7.13	
November	5.62	5.66	4.06	6.34	
December	5.42	5.32	4.21	5.81	
Average	4.38	6.16	5.16	5.52	

Review of River Plate.

a/ April 4 and 26 quotations only.

BEEF (ARGENTINE CHILLED HINDQUARTERS): Monthly average prices per
pound at London, 1924 to 1928

Month	1924	1925	1926	1927	1928
	<u>Cents</u>	<u>Cents</u>	<u>Cents</u>	<u>Cents</u>	<u>Cents</u>
January 1.....	10.54	15.81	13.18	11.79	13.94
February	12.60	14.79	12.93	11.91	14.00
March	10.40	15.24	12.98	10.90	14.13
April	13.89	14.59	14.00	11.53	15.52
May	13.00	14.57	15.08	12.55	15.92
June	11.83	15.70	15.61	15.11	16.54
July	11.21	17.27	14.07	15.52	
August	12.89	17.05	15.01	15.92	
September	14.07	16.22	14.07	14.76	
October	13.61	15.95	15.33	14.45	
November	15.43	14.55	12.88	14.55	
December	14.73	14.00	14.28	14.11	
Average	12.83	15.48	14.12	13.59	

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BEEF (ARGENTINE CHILLED FOREQUARTERS): Monthly average prices per pound
at London, 1924 to 1928

Month	1924	1925	1926	1927	1928
	<u>Cents</u>	<u>Cents</u>	<u>Cents</u>	<u>Cents</u>	<u>Cents</u>
January	7.06	10.58	8.93	7.60	8.92
February	9.00	10.75	8.05	8.11	8.87
March	7.38	10.76	7.00	6.89	9.38
April	8.60	9.49	6.72	6.02	9.00
May	9.46	8.50	8.49	5.96	9.58
June	5.89	7.29	9.02	7.25	10.14
July	5.18	8.48	7.92	8.17	
August	5.86	9.46	9.95	7.96	
September	6.77	9.91	8.05	8.49	
October	7.83	10.72	9.00	9.00	
November	9.94	10.52	8.26	9.37	
December	10.03	10.06	9.29	8.87	
Average	7.82	9.73	8.39	7.81	

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BEEF (FIRST QUALITY ENGLISH): Monthly average prices per pound at
London, 1924 to 1928

Month	1924	1925	1926	1927	1928
	<u>Cents</u>	<u>Cents</u>	<u>Cents</u>	<u>Cents</u>	<u>Cents</u>
January	17.97	19.92	19.26	16.73	16.02
February	18.96	19.64	19.26	17.11	16.60
March	17.54	19.60	19.16	16.29	18.50
April	18.67	20.60	19.52	17.24	20.00
May	18.96	21.24	21.80	17.62	21.39
June	20.16	21.14	19.06	18.75	22.56
July	19.12	20.63	19.52	19.26	
August	19.03	20.64	18.76	18.55	
September	17.77	19.44	17.84	17.68	
October	16.94	19.50	17.11	15.46	
November	17.57	18.88	16.35	14.50	
December	18.91	19.46	16.86	14.70	
Average	18.47	20.04	18.71	16.99	

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THE WORLD SITUATION IN CATTLE AND BEEF, CONT'D.

United States beef imports

An increase of 30 per cent over the corresponding 1927 period is shown in the total imports of beef and veal into the United States for the period January-May 1928. The heavy increase is due entirely to the result of increased imports from New Zealand, encouraged by the unusually favorable market for beef prevailing in the United States during the past year. The imports from New Zealand were more than 2,000,000 pounds larger during the period indicated than imports from the same source for the whole year 1924, when they were the heaviest of any year since the war. In general, however, the annual imports of beef and veal into the United States in the post-war period have been well under those of 1914, as shown in the accompanying table, although there has been a tendency toward increased imports since 1925, notwithstanding the absence of South American beef resulting from quarantine regulations. Imports from Canada have constituted the bulk of the trade since the war. In the 5-month period indicated, imports from that source this year amounted to over 50 per cent of the total, and to about 88 per cent for the calendar year 1927.

BEEF AND VEAL: United States imports, years, 1913, 1922-27 and five months, 1928

Year ended December 31	Canada	Argen- tina	Uruguay	Aus- tralia	New Zealand	Other coun- tries	Total
	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds
1914 <u>a</u> / <u>b</u> /.....	15,920	59,775	25,903	19,859	859	57,821	180,137
1915 <u>a</u> /.....	15,305	130,681	13,803	10,482	1,602	12,619	184,491
1922.....	19,625	11,103	2,190	1,530	1,803	443	36,694
1923.....	13,800	1,501	131	1,394	2,500	30	19,356
1924.....	9,575	3,765	406	348	3,988	23	18,104
1925.....	11,041	322	136	2,061	2,300	10	15,870
1926.....	13,924	1,488	209	2,997	1,447	41	20,105
1927.....	37,780	0	0	2,254	2,537	3	42,574
1927-Jan.-May.....	6,778	0	0	1,069	738	1	8,586
1928-Jan.-May.....	6,867	0	0	672	6,013	61	13,613

Compiled from Commerce and Navigation of the United States 1914-1926 - official records of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, 1927-28. a/Year ended June 30. b/ Includes period from October 3, 1913 to June 30, 1914. c/ First full years available by countries.

THE WORLD SITUATION IN CATTLE AND BEEF, CONT'D

CANADA: Exports of cattle, calves and beef a/ to the United States, Great Britain and total 1922-1927, January-May, 1928.

Item and year	United States	Great Britain	Total exports
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Number</u>
CATTLE:			
1922.....	189,760	18,475	212,772
1923.....	96,873	57,672	160,771
1924.....	97,847	79,435	183,242
1925.....	86,748	110,868	204,378
1926.....	92,962	79,985	176,343
1927.....	204,336	8,263	216,209
January-May-			
1927.....	28,401	8,263	35,222
1928.....	33,847	---	34,251
CALVES:			
1922.....	27,720	---	27,955
1923.....	24,074	---	24,219
1924.....	35,178	---	35,359
1925.....	62,313	---	62,814
1926.....	65,333	---	65,625
1927.....	78,668	---	79,065
January-May -			
1927.....	29,763	---	29,783
1928.....	29,036	---	29,058
BEEF:			
	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Pounds</u>
1922.....	18,583,600	5,231,900	26,340,000
1923.....	13,087,300	6,232,400	22,772,000
1924.....	9,808,200	6,364,600	23,206,800
1925.....	10,105,200	10,423,400	34,627,700
1926.....	16,242,000	3,517,100	27,233,800
1927.....	51,473,400	580,800	56,741,800
January-May -			
1927.....	10,848,400	499,400	13,583,400
1928.....	12,935,900	---	14,295,500

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a/ Includes fresh, chilled, frozen and pickled beef.

THE WORLD SITUATION IN CATTLE AND BEEF, CONT'D.

European beef imports

In recent years, and continuing into the first half of 1928, most of the important continental European importers of beef, fresh, chilled or frozen, have generally taken diminishing quantities. In such cases as Germany, where beef consumption has increased over the pre-war period, the additional beef available has been primarily the result of increased domestic production. In Great Britain, however, imports in recent years have been above the pre-war level, as has per capita consumption. Following are some details covering the imports of a few outstanding European countries. See tables, pages 229 to 231.

Great Britain

British imports of chilled beef, the leading item in the imported beef trade of that country, declined 13.6 per cent in the 5 months January-May 1928 as against the same months of 1927. Argentina bore the brunt of that reduction. There has been a decided shift from frozen to chilled beef in the last few years of the British beef trade, so that reductions in chilled beef receipts are especially significant. It should be noted also that imports of frozen beef during the 1928 period indicated were 19.1 per cent under the comparable 1927 figures. Fresh beef imports so far this year, while insignificant in the total supply situation, show a heavy increase over 1927. Since the imposition of the quarantine in 1926 against continental fresh meat, British imports of that class have been recorded under "Other countries", which would include the United States, Irish Free State and Canada as the important non-continental sources of fresh beef entering British trade.

Over a relatively short period of time, such as the last few years appearing in the table on page 229, the dependence of Great Britain upon imported meat for at least 50 per cent of her beef requirements precludes any radical reduction in the quantities imported. Preliminary unofficial estimates of per capita consumption of beef declined 3.3 per cent from 1925 to 1927, but the estimate of 64 pounds for the latter year showed an increase over the average of 1909-13 of 4.4 per cent. Total imports of frozen and chilled beef in 1927 were 5.5 per cent under those of 1926, but 1.2 per cent and 36.1 per cent over 1925 and 1913 respectively. It is noteworthy, however, that in the recent years of decline in per capita consumption of beef, the rate of pork consumption has been rising, and in 1927, according to unofficial figures, was 21.9 per cent above the pre-war average.

Argentina continues as the leading source of British imports of chilled and frozen beef. Efforts on the part of Australia to become a factor in the chilled beef trade have not yet resulted in the movement from that source of significant quantities of beef so treated. In fact, frozen beef imports from Australia declined from 33.1 per cent of the total frozen imports of 1925 to 21.4 per cent in 1927. New Zealand shows signs of securing a somewhat larger share of the business, while the position of Uruguay remains practically unchanged. The place of the United States in that trade is one of dwindling importance since the removal of the stimulus given by war demands, although this country maintains a lead over Canada in the trade indicated.

THE WORLD SITUATION IN CATTLE AND BEEF, CONT'D.

Germany

The outstanding point in the German imported beef trade is the sharp decline in recent years in the quantities of fresh beef taken from such neighboring countries as Belgium and Denmark. That decline may be attributed directly to increased domestic production. The business in imported chilled and frozen beef was well maintained in the years 1925 to 1927, but the figures so far available for 1928 show a sharp break below the same months of 1927. The net result of the German beef supply situation has been a steady increase in per capita consumption since the war, with the 1927 figure of 40.2 pounds only a small fraction under that of the 1909-13 average. Pork consumption by 1927 also was almost back to pre-war levels.

Fresh beef imports into Germany for the 5 months January-May 1928 were 10.5 per cent under the comparable figures for 1927. By that year, the declining tendency in fresh beef imports had brought the total for 1927 to a point 37.3 per cent under 1925. Belgium and Denmark have been severely hit by the growing independence of Germany in the matter of fresh beef. The Netherlands, however, has managed to increase its share of the business and stands as the leading source of German fresh beef imports. In chilled and frozen beef, the 1928 figures to May indicated reduced imports to a point 22 per cent below the same months of 1927. The total for that year, however, was larger than either 1925 or 1926, with Argentina as the leading source.

France

The post-war beef shortage in France resulted in very heavy imports into that country in recent years. Unlike Germany, however, France has not drawn heavily upon nearby countries for fresh beef, but depended almost exclusively upon overseas frozen and chilled beef to supplement the slowly recovering domestic supplies. In the case of France, however, the apparent per capita consumption of beef has declined in recent years, as have the beef imports, with the consumption rate of 45.9 pounds for 1927 being 6.7 per cent under the pre-war figure, and even below that of 1921. The 1928 trade figures available indicate additional declines in imports.

Of the important European beef importing countries, France presents the most striking increases of post-war imports over pre-war times, undoubtedly as a result of the severe war losses sustained in livestock. The 1913 figures for chilled and frozen beef imports stood at only 3,326,000 pounds. In 1927 the imports of 105,633,000 pounds showed a decline of 44.5 per cent below the high point reached in 1925. Before the war, Argentina supplied most of the overseas beef received, either directly or via Great Britain, and little or none came from other South American countries. In 1927, however, Uruguay was almost equally important as Argentina in the French trade, and Brazil had become a factor also.

THE WORLD SITUATION IN CATTLE AND BEEF, Cont'd

UNITED KINGDOM: Imports of beef, fresh, chilled and frozen, by countries, 1913, 1925-1927; January-May, 1927 and 1928

Country from which imported	Year ended December 31				January-May	
	1913	1925	1926	1927	1927	1928
	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds
BEEF, FRESH:						
Denmark(incl.Faroe Islands).....	34	3,436	2,799	0	0	0
Netherlands.....	219	393	211	a/	a/	a/
Irish Free State..	b/	548	694	a/	a/	a/
Other countries...	19	729	936	2,663	525	3,379
Total.....	272	5,106	4,640	2,635	525	3,979
BEEF, CHILLED:						
Argentina.....	584,194	841,270	1,003,162	1,119,262	517,915	423,807
Uruguay.....	3,582	79,345	78,392	37,725	20,221	28,745
Canada.....	0	1,024	0	a/	a/	a/
Other countries...	0	467	2,402	9,177	772	11,564
Total.....	587,776	922,106	1,084,156	1,163,164	538,908	464,116
BEEF, FROZEN:						
Argentina.....	219,056	171,053	162,196	175,270	80,057	38,952
Australia.....	150,916	153,435	188,686	71,987	13,139	16,417
Canada.....	734	13,624	6,535	a/	a/	a/
New Zealand.....	27,317	58,617	60,573	37,057	5,503	23,111
Uruguay.....	44,506	32,029	29,067	28,170	9,818	8,331
United States.....	164	10,617	9,500	8,738	4,133	1,961
Other countries...	0	22,116	4,741	14,776	2,535	4,347
Total.....	442,723	451,491	401,299	355,998	115,185	93,119

Compiled from Trade and Navigation of the United Kingdom, 1913, 1925 and 1926; and Monthly Accounts Relating to Trade of the United Kingdom, December 1927 and May 1928. a/ If any, included in "Other countries". b/ Not separately reported prior to 1923.

GERMANY: Imports of beef, fresh, chilled and frozen, by countries, 1913 and 1925-1927, January-April, 1927 and 1928

Country from	Year ended December 31			January-April		
	1913 a/	1925	1926	1927	1927	1928
	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds
BEEF, FRESH						
Belgium.....	557	3,478	12,916	6,968	2,699	2,810
Denmark.....	27,225	51,464	32,031	4,068	2,152	2,560
Netherlands.....	20,542	18,424	20,415	32,090	12,912	8,952
Austria.....	896	1,282	618	508	181	127
United States.....	23	b/	b/	204	b/	b/
United Kingdom.....	76	b/	b/	b/	b/	b/
Lithuania.....	--	1,170	354	365	163	40
Memel.....	--	2,372	510	1,340	353	554
Other countries.....	17,427	899	882	3,888	336	1,952
Total.....	66,746	73,037	67,726	49,431	18,796	16,995

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THE WORLD SITUATION IN CATTLE AND BEEF, CONT'D

GERMANY: Imports of beef, fresh, chilled and frozen, by countries, 1913 and 1925-1927, January-April 1927 and 1928, cont'd

Country from which imported	Year ended December 31				January-April	
	1913 <u>a/</u>	1925	1926	1927	1927	1928
	1,000 <u>pounds</u>	1,000 <u>pounds</u>	1,000 <u>pounds</u>	1,000 <u>pounds</u>	1,000 <u>pounds</u>	1,000 <u>pounds</u>
CHILLED AND FROZEN: <u>c/</u>						
United Kingdom.....		118	<u>b/</u>	<u>b/</u>	<u>b/</u>	<u>b/</u>
Netherlands.....		404	<u>b/</u>	<u>b/</u>	<u>b/</u>	<u>b/</u>
Argentina.....		215,941	233,809	257,158	95,001	67,147
United States.....		9,932	1,997	1,334	419	124
Brazil.....		7,438	2,658	3,557	250	1,081
Australia.....		14,417	8,375	9,101	2,008	4,377
New Zealand.....		1,510	<u>b/</u>	<u>b/</u>	<u>b/</u>	<u>b/</u>
Belgium.....		777	370	<u>b/</u>	<u>b/</u>	<u>b/</u>
Uruguay.....		5,778	11,501	8,534	1,821	4,793
Other countries.....		1,961	1,814	826	132	339
Total.....		258,267	260,524	280,510	99,631	77,861

Compiled from der Auswärtige Handel Deutschlands, 1924-1926, and Monatliche Nachweise über den auswärtigen Handel Deutschlands, December 1927 and April 1927 and 1928. a/ Not separately classified, includes fresh, chilled and frozen. b/ If any, included in "Other countries". c/ Fig.1913, included in "BEEF, FRESH"

FRANCE: Imports of beef, fresh and frozen, by countries, 1913 and 1924-1927

Country from which imported	Year ending December 31st					January-March	
	1913	1924	1925	1926	1927	1927	1928
	1,000 <u>pounds</u>	1,000 <u>pounds</u>	1,000 <u>pounds</u>	1,000 <u>pounds</u>	1,000 <u>pounds</u>	1,000 <u>pounds</u>	1,000 <u>pounds</u>
FROZEN AND CHILLED <u>a/</u>							
United Kingdom..	3,237	17,828	18,841	10,961	11,958	2,855	71
Brazil.....		25,427	21,937	18,648	10,466	2,808	219
Uruguay.....	15,333	45,326	50,529	33,944	40,618	5,065	2,132
Argentina.....	213	97,611	97,291	63,030	41,673	12,116	2,627
Madagascar.....		7,677	6,149	4,229	5,014	1,438	693
Netherlands.....	906	3,364	<u>b/</u>	<u>b/</u>	<u>b/</u>	<u>b/</u>	<u>b/</u>
United States...		243	<u>b/</u>	<u>b/</u>	<u>b/</u>	<u>b/</u>	<u>b/</u>
Other countries..	742	2,162	18,791	16,729	11,079	2,002	766
Total.....	5,098	199,638	213,648	142,541	120,808	23,584	d/6,509
Total fresh beef <u>c/</u>	1,772	18,939	23,106	11,724	15,175	20,911	1,314

Source: Tableau General du Commerce et de la Navigation - 1913 and 1923-1925. Statistique Mensuelle du Commerce Extérieur de la France, December 1926, 1927 and March 1928. a/ Includes fresh beef. b/ If any, included in "Other countries". c/ Included in total of "frozen and chilled". d/ Does not include "fresh".

THE WORLD SITUATION IN CATTLE AND BEEF, CONT'D

NETHERLANDS: Imports of beef, by countries, years 1913, 1925-1927 and Jan.-May, 1928

Country from which imported	Year ended December 31				January-May	
	1913	1925	1926	1927	1927	1928
	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds
BEEF AND VEAL, FRESH:						
Germany	65	5	58	44		
Belgium	127	0	71	174		
United Kingdom	4,290	1	6	a/		
Denmark & Faroe Is....	0	166	1,044	a/		
Argentina	2,929	584	670	a/		
Other countries	2	0	1	16		
Total imports	7,413	756	1,850	234	b/ 29	b/ 236
BEEF AND VEAL, CHILLED, OR FROZEN:						
Belgium		205	225	123	a/	a/
United Kingdom		330	120	73	a/	a/
Argentina		55,494	47,789	30,448	12,033	10,483
Uruguay		95	95	a/	a/	a/
Other countries		14	14	145	6	62
Total imports	c/	56,138	48,243	30,789	12,039	10,545
BEEF, SALTED:						
Germany		8	2	a/		
United Kingdom		91	74	93		
United States		59	71	37		
Dutch East Indies		4	4	a/		
Argentina		318	61	117		
Other countries		4	3	26		
Total imports	c/	484	215	273	b/ 121	b/ 99
BEEF, SMOKED OR DRIED:						
Germany		d/	a/			
Belgium		2	10			
Dutch East Indies		1	1			
Argentina		a/	6			
Other countries		d/	1			
Total imports	d/	3	18	b/ 9	b/ 4	b/ 4

Compiled from Statistiek van den In-, Uit-en Doorvoer 1913; Jaarstatistiek van den In-, Uit-en Doorvoer 1925 and 1926; and Maandstatistiek van den In-, Uit-en Doorvoer, December 1927, May 1927 and 1928.

a/ If any included in "Other countries." b/ Not given by countries. c/ Not separately classified. d/ Less than 500 pounds.

THE WORLD SITUATION IN CATTLE AND BEEF, CONT'D.

NETHERLANDS: Exports of beef, by countries, years 1913, 1925-1927 and Jan.-May, 1928

Country to which exported	Year ended December 31				January-May	
	1913	1925	1926	1927	1927	1928
BEEF AND VEAL, FRESH:	1,000 <u>pounds</u>	1,000 <u>pounds</u>	1,000 <u>pounds</u>	1,000 <u>pounds</u>	1,000 <u>pounds</u>	1,000 <u>pounds</u>
Germany	21,876	13,164	18,755	30,326	14,874	10,412
Belgium	906	64	276	4,837	4,145	1,936
United Kingdom	16,597	21,146	14,719	a/	a/	a/
France	0	670	112	456	371	a/
Other countries	949	1	9	2	2	71
Total exports ..	40,328	35,045	33,871	35,622	19,392	12,419
BEEF AND VEAL, CHILLED OR FROZEN:						
Belgium		0	b/			
United Kingdom		b/	3			
France		5	a/			
Other countries		1	2			
Total exports ..	c/	6	5	d/	2	0
BEEF, SALTED:						
Germany		7	3			
United Kingdom		2	2			
Dutch East Indies		b/	1			
Other countries		1	6			
Total exports ..	c/	10	12	d/	71	33
BEEF, SMOKED OR DRIED:						
Germany		17	a/			
Belgium		2	3			
Dutch East Indies		4	5			
Other countries		1	2			
Total exports ..	c/	24	8	d/	15	d/
					4	d/
						9

Compiled from Statistiek van den In,- Uit-en Doorvoer, 1913; Jaarstatistiek van den In,- Uit-en Doorvoer, 1925 and 1926 and Maandstatistiek van den In,- Uit-en Doorvoer, December 1927, May 1927 and 1928.

a/ If any, included in "Other countries". b/ Less than 500 pounds. c/ Not separately classified. d/ Not given by countries.

THE WORLD SITUATION IN CATTLE AND BEEF, CONT'D

NETHERLANDS: Imports and exports of cattle, by countries, 1913, 1925-27 and January-May 1927 and 1928.

Country	Year ended December 31				January-May	
	1913	1925	1926	1927	1927	1928
IMPORTS	<u>Number</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Number</u>
Germany.....	0	106	34			
Belgium.....	1,309	99	20			
France.....	0	1	0			
Total imports....	1,309	206	54	a/ 147	a/ 77	a/ 151
EXPORTS						
Germany.....	6,581	787	48	265	b/	30
Belgium.....	52,076	10,553	4,060	22,031	9,083	2,072
France.....	0	344	462	375	221	99
Italy and Fiume.....	0	1,971	3,464	4,153	3,425	1,595
Spain.....	284	2,282	782	8,823	3,924	2,699
Argentina.....	0	105	342	b/	b/	b/
Brazil.....	22	146	137	120	b/	171
Other countries.....	543	192	306	3,801	4,903	5,055
Total exports....	49,506	16,380	9,601	39,568	21,556	11,721

Compiled from Statistiek van den In,-Uit-en Doorvoer, 1913; Jaarstatistiek Van den In,- Uit-en Doorvoer, 1925-26; Maandstatistiek Van den in-uit-en Doorvoer, 1927, and Jan.-May, 1927-28 (December and May issues).

a/ Not reported by countries.

b/ If any, included in "other countries".

Southern Hemisphere beef exports

Figures covering the past few years indicate no outstanding changes in the total volume of beef moving from the important exporting countries of the Southern Hemisphere. The South American output continues at levels substantially above those of the pre-war period, although the increased beef exports since 1922 have been accompanied by substantial reductions in cattle numbers, according to the information available. Australian beef exports have varied above and below the pre-war level. Year-to-year comparisons, therefore, are not as significant as in the importing countries. The outstanding feature of the Southern Hemisphere export business continues to be the shift in the Argentine trade from frozen to chilled beef, and the efforts of other exporting countries to make chilled beef a larger part of their output.

THE WORLD SITUATION IN CATTLE AND BEEF, CONT'D.

Australia

The beef export business of Australia declined from June 30, 1925 to June 30, 1927 to a point considerably under that of 1913. Exports for the year ended June 30, 1927 were 60.4 per cent under the fiscal year 1925 and 48.6 per cent under the exports of the calendar year 1913. Great Britain has been the leading buyer of the Australian product since the inauguration of overseas shipments of frozen beef from that country, and in 1913 took 77.6 per cent of the total exports. By 1926-27, however, important sales in other markets, notably continental Europe, had reduced the British percentage to 58. Belgium, Germany and Italy have become substantial buyers in the Australian market.

AUSTRALIA: Exports of beef, frozen, by countries, 1913, 1923-1927, and July-September 1926 and 1927.

Country to which	Year end.	Year ended June 30				July-Sept.	
	Dec. 31, 1913	1923-24	1924-25	1925-26	1926-27	1926	1927
	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds
United Kingdom....	169,963	62,287	175,276	124,287	64,794	28,205	31,568
Philippine Islands	14,535	8,443	8,117	9,201	9,192	2,615	2,424
Italy	6,357	8,512	48,938	11,764	1,921	1,921	0
Egypt	3,991	3,243	6,407	4,919	6,592	1,989	2,964
Hawaiian Islands.	2,356	230	996	2,943	2,283	716	633
Malaya(British)...	2,054	1,909	2,012	2,062	2,211	633	609
Germany	1,814	5,438	6,778	15,600	4,115	3,699	5,719
Malta	1,142	2,008	3,007	3,988	3,321	1,103	448
Netherlands, E. Indies	500	378	255	368	402	103	111
Hongkong.....	424	1,445	382	1,370	1,975	142	378
Gibraltar.....	354	1,255	929	1,432	813	400	2
France.....	349	625	2,910	3,262	341	0	453
Ceylon.....	222	320	310	428	564	230	193
Japan	37	885	982	451	1,536	368	662
Belgium.....	35	7,728	25,679	31,761	9,679	6,835	16,873
Other countries...	14,786	458	641	254	2,449	47	1,545
Total.....	218,919	105,164	283,619	214,090	112,193	49,010	64,582

Compiled from Trade Customs and Excise Revenue, 1913, 1923-1926 and Quarterly Summary of Australian Statistics, June and September 1927.

THE WORLD SITUATION IN CATTLE AND BEEF, CONT'D

CATTLE AND BEEF PRODUCTS: Exports, Argentina, 1916-1927

Item	Year ended December 31.					
	1916	1917	1918	1919	1920	1921
	Thous- ands	Thous- ands	Thous- ands	Thous- ands	Thous- ands	Thous- ands
Cattle	52	71	173	80	72	25
	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds
Beef, frozen	907,297	784,489	1,089,225	877,984	806,052	532,129
Beef, chilled	35,611	85,968	3,406	5,468	111,731	327,132
Beef, dried, including salted pork	2,470	16,784	6,127	17,603	5,577	5,855
Grease and tallow	107,331	149,494	228,864	200,945	106,312	112,377
Oleomargarine and palmitin	5,218	29,348	31,023	7,748	5,424	1,904
Stearin	705	1,477	2,803	5,320	5,769	3,614
Jerked beef	---	---	---	---	---	---
Cattle hides	219,115	210,511	215,779	223,846	140,023	183,513
	1922	1923	1924	1925	1926	1927
	Thous- ands	Thous- ands	Thous- ands	Thous- ands	Thous- ands	Thous- ands
Cattle	62	120	150	139	135	181
	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds
Beef, frozen	348,898	463,190	812,115	853,962	499,869	524,536
Beef, chilled	544,109	706,244	902,924	831,154	949,533	1,028,538
Beef, dried, including salted pork	13,366	1,106	447	224	3,547	5,137
Grease and tallow	175,133	237,119	259,702	182,431	201,128	253,487
Oleomargarine and palmitin	332	1,521	3,753	1,740	2,330	3,765
Stearin	1,809	2,477	4,373	4,546	5,462	7,729
Jerked beef	---	10,203	34,313	30,199	20,886	18,231
Cattle hides	310,081	332,416	448,762	370,562	373,320	376,913

Compiled from official sources quoting official figures, except for 1927,
which are preliminary.

URUGUAY: Exports, by countries, of beef^{a/}—frozen, chilled, salted, preserved and jerked, years 1924-1927.

Year ended December 31

Kind and country	1924	1925	1926 ^{b/}	January-June ^{b/} ^{c/}	
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
Beef, frozen:					
Belgium	64,019,064	74,995,391	---	---	---
France	42,926,470	44,401,709	---	---	---
United Kingdom	54,163,649	42,548,681	---	---	---
Italy	19,282,133	23,542,945	---	---	---
Germany	9,121,696	10,020,813	---	---	---
Netherlands...	8,413,029	5,392,478	---	---	---
Argentina	1,391	2,367,577	---	---	---
Other countries	701,647	314,843	---	---	---
Total	198,629,079	208,584,597	211,671,078	144,705,440	129,466,820
Beef, chilled:					
United Kingdom	67,420,405	86,529,937	---	---	---
Netherlands...	---	379,692	---	---	---
Belgium	---	285,240	---	---	---
Other countries	354,116	---	---	---	---
Total	67,774,521	87,194,869	67,510,591	53,029,446	21,666,388
Beef, salted:					
France	21,583	---	---	---	---
Norway	18,519	---	---	---	---
United Kingdom	9,391	---	---	---	---
United States..	---	10,276	---	---	---
Other countries	346	---	---	---	---
Total	49,839	10,276	---	---	---
Beef, preserved:					
United Kingdom	7,695,802	18,523,415	---	---	---
United States..	1,031,509	4,592,535	---	---	---
Germany	2,247,270	1,767,743	---	---	---
Italy	3,442,807	1,275,938	---	---	---
Belgium	987,712	892,140	---	---	---
Other countries	2,580,505	742,595	---	---	---
Total	17,935,605	27,792,396	28,246,109	14,894,494	23,064,979
Beef, jerked:					
Brazil	5,554,598	7,975,973	---	---	---
Cuba	10,062,937	7,876,787	---	---	---
Argentina	9,877,695	5,460,863	---	---	---
United States..	4,820,894	3,017,599	---	---	---
Other countries	1,603,711	1,897,745	---	---	---
Total	31,921,865	26,228,966	22,691,833	10,974,250	13,659,408

Compiled from Anuario Estadístico de la Republica Oriental del Uruguay, 1924-25; Síntesis Estadística de la Republica, Oriental del Uruguay, Agosto 1926 & 1927.

^{a/} Pre-war 1913, not separately reported. ^{b/} Not available by countries.

^{c/} Latest months available.

THE WORLD SITUATION IN CATTLE AND BEEF, CONT'D.

South America

By 1927, total exports of chilled and frozen beef from Argentina were 92.4 per cent larger than in 1913. In that year, chilled beef represented only 9.2 per cent of the total export. By 1924 the two processes shared the total about equally, and in 1927, chilled beef represented 66.2 per cent of the Argentine beef exports for that year. Great Britain continues to take practically all of the chilled beef, but in frozen beef an increasing percentage of the total has been seeking other markets, with Germany outstanding as the leading buyer. In Uruguay, figures for the period 1924 to 1926 indicate some tendency toward larger exports, but in the first half of 1927, the latest period for which export figures are on hand, there were sharp declines in the movement of both frozen and chilled beef. The relationship of both classes toward the total exports remained fairly constant over the period indicated. As in Argentina, most of the chilled beef goes to Great Britain, with the Continent taking the bulk of the frozen product, See table, page 236.

ARGENTINA: Exports of beef, fresh a/, chilled and frozen,
by countries, 1913, 1924-1927

Country to which exported	Year ended December 31				
	1913	1924	1925	1926	1927
	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds
CHILLED:					
Germany	--	--	7,515	1,171	5,646
Belgium	--	--	110	0	1,120
France	--	--	6,603	0	747
United States	917	220	--	0	1,407
Italy	--	--	4,103	648	0
Netherlands	--	853	7,075	1,475	0
United Kingdom	74,425	801,851	795,748	946,179	1,019,575
Other countries	--	--	--	111	43
Total	75,342	802,924	821,154	949,583	1,028,538
FROZEN:					
Germany	--	76,874	81,314	94,046	138,004
Belgium	1,345	128,872	71,991	59,597	75,541
France	1,691	103,777	136,777	50,999	31,025
United States	6,243	3,534	437	2,280	2,008
Italy	7,527	83,903	92,082	60,873	52,174
Netherlands	3,016	91,385	44,756	19,751	20,064
United Kingdom	708,345	323,708	223,837	202,537	195,854
Other countries	3,879	62	2,765	9,786	9,866
Total	732,046	812,115	653,962	499,869	524,536

Compiled from Anuario del Comercio Exterior 1913 and 1924-; 926 - Estadística Agro-Pecuaria, 1927. a/ Fresh beef not reported separately.

THE WORLD SITUATION IN CATTLE AND BEEF, CONT'D

Country	Year ended December 31					
	Average 1911-1913		1926		1927 Preliminary	
	Imports 1,000 pounds	Exports 1,000 pounds	Imports 1,000 pounds	Exports 1,000 pounds	Imports 1,000 pounds	Exports 1,000 pounds
Principal exporting countries						
Argentina	144	940,300	41	1,682,805	---	1,841,703
Australia	437	301,882	a/ 1,567	a/ 308,042	---	a/ 112,193
Brazil	48,989	171	7,329	20,833	---	10,556
Canada	3,091	6,448	361	29,340	400	59,130
China	85	8,787	2,851	5,297	---	---
Denmark	18,815	43,485	13,242	42,304	14,792	6,759
Hungary	b/ 12,933	b/ 3,762	79	6,010	35	3,247
Netherlands	256,296	326,176	170,463	248,114	170,819	250,264
New Zealand	398	80,543	565	97,742	588	105,300
Rumania	4	2,566	568	16,659	---	---
United States	17,663	213,722	20,106	158,612	42,574	132,692
Uruguay	152	119,675	---	366,418	---	---
Principal importing countries						
Belgium	6,034	1,577	130,742	58,554	128,409	28,178
British India	7,434	773	15,716	1,230	10,425	1,114
British Malaya ...	---	---	6,669	630	6,914	644
Chile	6,636	298	---	---	---	---
Cuba	37,822	---	39,917	---	---	---
Czechoslovakia ...	---	---	10,775	375	5,154	798
Egypt	476	---	4,502	3	4,307	12
Finland	14,755	0	5,209	55	4,124	---
France	41,318	62,361	187,349	24,258	175,752	31,181
Germany	212,150	942	440,883	2,138	464,089	2,563
Hongkong	---	---	---	---	---	---
Irish Free State .	---	---	10,760	7,318	10,996	5,535
Italy	131	c/	24,152	278	26,243	275
Japan	9,002	---	74,707	---	74,504	---
Norway	20,203	2,337	16,645	1,830	14,899	1,736
Philippine Islands	15,837	---	12,052	---	---	---
Poland	---	---	775	31,668	2,305	16,258
Spain	966	38	12,821	---	---	---
Sweden	12,912	17,285	19,430	7,645	14,086	3,668
Switzerland	9,052	440	6,568	773	5,883	902
Union of S. Africa	17,622	292	6,186	34,998	10,396	14,471
United Kingdom ...	1,252,292	27,595	1,899,726	34,029	1,832,018	6,461
Total 34 countries	2,023,704	2,161,464	3,142,556	3,187,958	3,019,711	2,635,640

Official sources. a/ Year ending June 30. b/ Average for Austria-Hungary.
c/ Not separately stated.

BREAD GRAINS: Production in specified countries, average 1909-1913, annual 1925-1928.

Countries reporting in 1928 a/	Average 1909- 1913	1925	1926	1927	1928	Percent 1928 is of 1927
WHEAT	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	Per cent
Canada b/.....	22,294	23,325	21,785	22,266	c/ 18,000	80.8
United States	690,108	676,429	831,040	872,595	799,937	91.7
North America (3)	714,576	709,194	863,158	906,380	828,962	91.5
Europe (10)	961,711	1,041,922	867,943	933,140	919,400	98.5
Africa (2)	41,385	44,482	36,595	36,590	47,032	128.5
Asia (3)	383,827	371,047	363,593	372,087	333,213	89.6
Total above count. (18) .	2,101,499	2,166,645	2,131,294	2,248,197	2,128,607	94.7
Est. world excl. R. & C.	3,041,000	3,389,000	3,421,000	3,539,000		
RYE						
United States	36,093	46,456	40,795	59,811	39,300	66.8
Europe (8)	682,850	678,003	540,719	597,572	499,763	86.2
Total above count. (9) ..	719,943	725,359	581,514	638,383	539,063	84.4
Est. world excl. R. and C.	1,025,000	1,012,000	812,000	887,000		
BARLEY						
California	37,690	32,550	32,400	27,335	32,295	118.1
U.S. other than California	147,122	181,313	152,505	237,057	270,815	114.2
Europe (6)	126,855	148,428	145,093	140,513	144,602	102.9
Africa (2)	53,800	42,728	31,819	38,689	50,293	130.0
Asia (1)	32,243	40,363	38,307	35,314	33,879	95.9
Total 10 countries	397,710	445,382	400,124	478,908	531,834	111.1
Est. N.Hemis.excl.R.and C.	1,407,000	1,456,000	1,402,000	1,468,000		
Est. World excl. R. and C.	1,425,000	1,492,000	1,438,000	1,501,000		
OATS						
United States	1,143,407	1,487,550	1,246,848	1,184,146	1,320,097	111.5
Europe (6)	111,686	143,074	137,308	135,609	128,900	95.1
Algeria	13,489	15,768	8,693	10,607	14,123	133.1
Total 8 countries	1,268,582	1,646,392	1,392,849	1,330,362	1,463,120	110.0
Est. N.Hemis.excl. R. and C.	3,474,000	3,729,000	3,592,000	3,523,000		
Est. world excl. R. and C.	3,581,000	3,848,000	3,699,000	3,617,000		
CORN						
United States	2,712,364	2,916,961	2,692,317	2,773,708	2,735,617	98.6
Bulgaria	26,277	25,825	27,312	20,614	28,581	138.6
Total above countries ...	2,738,641	2,942,786	2,719,529	2,794,322	2,764,198	98.9
Est. N.Hemis.excl. R. and C.	3,681,000	3,903,000	3,737,000	3,651,000		
Est. world excl. R. and C.	4,126,000	4,522,000	4,426,000	4,322,000		

a/ Figures in parenthesis indicate the number of countries included. Russia and China abbreviated to R. and C.

b/ Winter wheat only.

c/ Estimated on the basis of acreage and condition as of June 30.

GRAINS: Acreage, average 1909-1913, annual 1925-1928

Crop and countries reporting in 1928 <u>a/</u>	Average 1909-1913	1925	1926	1927	1928	Per cent 1928 is of 1927
WHEAT	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	Per cent
	<u>acres</u>	<u>acres</u>	<u>acres</u>	<u>acres</u>	<u>acres</u>	
Canada.....	9,945	20,790	22,896	22,460	23,406	104.2
United States.....	47,097	52,255	56,337	58,533	57,750	98.6
North America (3).....	59,216	74,206	80,519	82,270	82,335	101.1
Europe (14).....	59,707	55,992	55,604	55,863	56,112	100.4
Africa (3).....	6,531	7,854	8,137	7,172	7,514	104.8
Asia (4).....	30,124	33,057	31,749	32,497	33,042	101.7
Total above coun. (24)...	155,578	171,109	176,009	177,802	179,053	100.7
Russia <u>b/</u>	---	18,808	21,144	27,057	27,794	102.7
Est. world ex.R. & C.	204,200	227,700	231,000	234,500		
RYE						
Canada.....	117	643	754	743	690	92.9
United States.....	2,236	3,974	3,578	3,690	3,535	95.8
Europe (15).....	27,262	23,675	23,040	23,222	22,322	96.1
Total above coun. (17)...	29,615	28,292	27,372	27,655	26,547	96.0
Russia <u>b/</u>	---	67,609	66,646	68,297	67,423	98.7
Est. world ex. R. & C. ..	48,300	46,600	45,500	46,100		
BARLEY						
Canada.....	1,574	3,524	3,647	3,506	3,626	103.4
United States.....	7,620	7,997	7,970	9,454	12,243	129.5
Total N. America (2)....	9,194	11,521	11,617	12,960	15,869	122.4
Europe (10).....	12,675	13,558	13,265	13,819	13,640	98.7
Africa (3).....	7,623	7,991	8,106	6,686	7,250	108.4
Asia (1).....	450	631	601	655	891	136.0
Total above coun. (16)...	29,942	33,701	33,589	34,120	37,650	110.3
Est. N.Hemis. ex. R. & C.	64,200	65,300	64,500	63,100		
Est. world, ex. R. & C. ...	65,000	67,100	66,300	65,100		
OATS						
Canada.....	9,597	12,556	12,741	13,240	13,237	100.0
United States.....	37,357	44,872	44,177	42,029	41,974	99.9
Total North America (2)...	46,954	57,428	56,918	55,269	55,211	99.9
Europe (11).....	19,254	19,365	19,302	19,272	19,479	101.1
Africa (3).....	607	780	776	683	757	110.8
Asia (1).....	12	24	60	65	28	43.1
Total above coun. (17)...	66,827	77,597	77,056	75,289	75,475	100.2
Est. N.Hemis. ex. R. & C.	97,700	105,200	105,200	103,500		
Est. world ex. R. & C. ...	102,200	110,800	110,500	108,800		

a/ Figures in parenthesis indicate the number of countries included. Russia and China abbreviated R. and C.

b/ Winter acreage only.

GRAINS: Acreage, average 1909-1913, annual 1925-1928,
continued

Crop and countries reporting in 1928 a/	Average 1909-1913	1925	1926	1927	1928	Per cent 1928 is of 1927
	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	Per cent
CORN						
United States.....	104,229	101,359	99,713	98,868	102,380	103.6
Canada.....	309	239	210	132	128	97.0
Total N. America (2) ..	104,538	101,598	99,923	99,000	102,508	103.5
Europe (5).....	12,675	12,540	12,771	13,345	13,364	100.1
North Africa (2).....	481	571	616	729	788	108.1
Lebanon Republic .....	(	23	25	25	(
Alaouites.....	(40)	(15)	15	15	(40	100.0
Total above coun. (11)	117,734	114,747	113,350	113,114	116,700	103.2
Est. world, ex. R. & C. .	171,900	182,600	175,900			

A/ Figures in parenthesis indicate the number of countries included. Russia and China abbreviated R. and C.

HUNGARY: Estimates of production of corn, potatoes and
sugar beets, 1924 - 1928

Year	Corn	Potatoes	Sugar beets
	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 short tons
1924	74,122	56,406	1,405
1925	87,971	84,859	1,684
1926	76,548	58,879	1,592
1927	68,347	73,667	1,604
1928 preliminary forecast ...	47,517	54,637	1,225

GRAINS: Exports from principal exporting countries, May, June and July, 1927 and 1928

Commodity and country	May		June		July	
	1927	1928	1927	1928	1927	1928 a/
	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>
Exports:						
Wheat, incl. flour -						
United States.....	14,123	8,793	11,515	8,230	12,100	5,549
Canada.....	32,318	34,270	19,673	25,182	8,642 b/	41,187
Argentina.....	18,716	a/ 16,008	13,081	a/ 16,932	9,876	9,535
British India.....	342	a/ 632	3,067	a/ 2,168	5,193 c/	760
Australia.....	13,133	a/ 12,144	2,828	a/ 7,247	8,012 c/	3,608
Russia.....	1,424	a/ 0	16	a/ 0	192	8
Danube and Bulgaria.	288	a/ 32	112	a/ 0	328 d/	
Total.....	80,344	71,879	50,292	59,760	44,343	60,647
Corn -						
United States.....	1,516	1,104	1,008	968	631	637
Argentina.....	23,910	a/ 23,751	42,235	a/ 33,516	39,964	33,568
Rye -						
United States.....	5,857	3,324	3,571	1,293	305	188
Russia, Danube and Bulgaria.....	129	a/ 0	0	9	0 d/	
Barley -						
United States.....	1,337	1,092	1,186	1,663	2,360	1,617
Oats -						
United States.....	3,207	453	1,462	70	525	144
Flaxseed -						
Argentina.....	6,728	a/ 4,842	4,817	6,240	5,130 e/	2,040
Imports:						
Wheat, incl. flour -						
United States.....	672	2,110	458	1,130	477 d/	
Flaxseed -						
United States.....	2,376	2,156	2,925	1,644	1,381 d/	

Compiled from official sources except preliminary figures for foreign countries other than Canada which are from Broomhall's Corn Trade News and Chicago Daily Trade Bulletin.

a/ Preliminary. b/ Shipments from Ft. William, Port Arthur, Vancouver and Prince Rupert. For July 1927 these 4 markets reported 11,873,000 bushels. c/ 3 weeks. d/ Not available. e/ Two weeks.

FEED GRAINS: Movement from principal exporting countries

Item	Net exports for year		Shipments 1928 week ending a/		Net movement from July as far as reported			
	1926-27	1927-28	July 21	July 28	to and include.	1926-27	1927-28	
Barley, Exports:	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000		1,000	1,000	
Year beginning July 1	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels		bushels	bushels	
United States	17,044	36,580	671	408	July 22	1,534	1,617	
Canada	42,533	25,131						
Argentina	14,140	11,141	0		July 21	800	58	
Danubian countries <u>b/</u>	36,658	(35,000)	0		July 21	442	200	
Russia	20,465	(2,000)						
Total	130,840	110,000				2,776	1,875	
OATS, EXPORTS:								
Year beginning July 1								
United States	15,041	9,823	35	19	July 28	428	144	
Canada	13,620	9,646						
Argentina	40,103	29,455	78		July 21	2,866	283	
Danubian countries <u>b/</u>	9,939	<u>c/</u>	0		July 21	0	0	
Total, excl. Daunbe	68,764	49,000				3,294	427	
	Exports for year		Weekly <u>a/</u> shipments, 1928 week ending				Total for sea- son incl. lat- est week shown	
	1925-26	1926-27	July 7	July 14	July 21	July 28	1926-27	1928-27
CORN, EXPORTS;	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Year beginning November 1	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels
United States	25,533	17,161	238	44	125	230	15,312	17,745
Danubian coun. <u>d/</u> ..	67,865	82,985	163	171	86		33,017	14,614
Russia	8,579	6,806					<u>e/</u> 5,464	<u>e/</u> 595
Argentina	169,802	322,878	9,008	8,314	8,071	8,118	211,305	162,335
Union of S. Africa	18,833	8,562	86	43	300		<u>f/</u> 1,200	10,457
IMPORTS:								
Year beginning November 1							Nov-May	Nov-May
United States....	576	5,040					757	1,178
Total exports less U.S. imports	290,034	433,352					265,541	204,568

Compiled from official and trade sources. a/ The weeks shown in these columns do not all end on the same day, but are nearest to the date shown. b/ Rumania, Hungary, Bulgaria and Yugoslavia. c/ Weekly reports of shipments from the Danube according to trade reports amount to 878,000 bushels for the year ending June 30, 1927-28, compared with 858,000 in 1926-27. d/ Rumania, Yugoslavia and Hungary. Yugoslavian figures for the two complete seasons are for eleven months only. Bulgaria is excluded on account of some reports being unavailable. e/ November-May 11. f/ Unofficial reports of exports to Europe for South and East Africa.

GRAINS: Exports from the United States, July 1-July 28, 1927 and 1928
 PORK: Exports from the United States, January 1-July 28, 1928 and 1928

Commodity	July 1-July 28		1928, week ending			
	1927	1928	July 7	July 14	July 21	July 28
GRAINS:	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>
Wheat <u>a/</u>	7,625	3,298	181	755	555	1,806
Wheat flour <u>b/</u>	3,027	2,251	216	414	926	696
Rye	118	188	70	---	---	118
Corn	590	673	238	44	125	230
Oats	428	144	---	90	35	19
Barley <u>a/</u>	1,534	1,617	111	427	671	408
PORK:	January 1 - July 28					
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	<u>pounds</u>	<u>pounds</u>	<u>pounds</u>	<u>pounds</u>	<u>pounds</u>	<u>pounds</u>
Hams & shoulders, inc	72,799	78,552	2,280	2,185	1,878	2,209
Wiltshire sides....						
Bacon, inc. Cumberland						
sides.....	68,286	80,405	1,947	2,217	2,796	3,386
Lard.....	406,458	441,375	11,894	11,043	11,375	11,067
Pickled pork.....	15,697	17,525	200	319	503	284

Compiled from official records of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce.
a/ Including via Pacific ports this week; wheat 772,000 bushels, flour 48,400 barrels
 Barley from San Francisco 408,000. b/ Includes flour milled in bond from Canadian
 wheat. In terms of bushels of wheat.

WHEAT, INCLUDING FLOUR: Shipments from principal exporting countries.

Country	Net exports for		Shipments 1928, week end-			Movement from July 1		
	year <u>a/</u>		ing <u>b/</u>			as far as reported		
	1926-27	1927-28	July 14	July 21	July 28	To & in	1927-28	1928-29
Canada:-	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000		1,000	1,000
	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>		<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>
Exports:								
Official.....	304,540	305,000						
5 ports, Bradstr <u>c/</u>	177,370	238,730	6,021	5,800	3,826			
Shipments:								
4 markets <u>d/</u>	297,961	326,361	9,901	9,393	9,375	July 28	11,873	41,187
Pub.elev.in east <u>c/</u>			6,693	5,504	<u>e/</u>			
United States.....	205,896	190,927	1,170	1,481	2,502	July 28	10,652	5,549
Argentina.....	139,790	186,000	3,004	2,543	1,360	July 28	9,368	9,535
Australia.....	96,584	7,400	752	1,152	<u>e/</u>	July 21	f/5,244	f/3,608
Russia.....	49,202	7,000	0	0	0	July 28	192	8
Hungary.....	21,142	20,000				(
Yugoslavia.....	10,216	1,000	0	0	0	July 28	328	0
Rumania.....	11,388	5,000				(
Bulgaria.....	2,236	2,000				(
British India.....	2,660	12,000	512	328	<u>e/</u>	July 21	f/3,832	760
Total.....	849,654	736,327	15,139	14,897	13,237		41,489	60,647

Compiled from official and trade sources. a/ Preliminary. b/ The weeks in these
 columns do not end on the same day but are nearest the date shown. c/ Excluded from
 total. d/ Total shipments from Ft. William, Port Arthur, Vancouver and Prince Rupert
e/ Not available. f/ Three weeks.

BUTTER: Prices in London, Berlin, Copenhagen and New York, in cents per pound (Foreign prices by weekly cable)

Market and Item	Aug. 4 1927	July 26 1928	Aug. 2 1928
	Cents	Cents	Cents
New York, 92 score.....	40.50	45.00	45.25
Copenhagen, official quotation...	33.55	37.08	37.08
Berlin, 1a quality.....	34.58	38.00	38.00
London <u>a/-</u>			
Danish.....	36.28	39.78	39.54
Dutch, unsalted.....	34.98	39.11	38.67
New Zealand.....	36.06	39.54	39.54
Australian.....	35.63	37.15	37.15
Australian, unsalted.....	35.85	38.45	38.02
Argentine, unsalted.....	34.98	36.72	37.48
Siberian.....	30.85	34.33	34.11

Quotations converted at par of exchange. a/ Quotations of following day.

EUROPEAN LIVESTOCK AND MEAT MARKETS
(By weekly cable)

Market and Item	Unit	Week ending		
		Aug. 3 1927	July 25 1928	Aug. 1 1928
GERMANY:				
Receipts of hogs, 14 markets	Number	67,309	61,399	68,188
Prices of hogs, Berlin.....	\$ per 100 lbs.	13.56	15.02	15.40
Prices of lard, tes., Hamburg	"	14.26	14.50	15.58
UNITED KINGDOM AND IRELAND:				
Hogs, certain markets, England	Number	5,770	5,401	8,912
Hogs, purchases, Ireland.....	"	19,892	23,532	
Prices at Liverpool:				
American Wiltshire sides	\$ per 100 lbs.	<u>a/</u>	<u>a/</u>	<u>a/</u>
Canadian " "	"	19.12	22.38	21.94
Danish " "	"	20.20	24.98	24.98

a/ No quotation.

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